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Rossi, Boniek Robson in \$1m. bonanza

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Paolo Rossi, the 1982 World Footballer of the Year, is expected to head the galaxy of stars who are scheduled to visit Australia for a \$1 million international series in May-June.

Rossi is the goal machine of Italian giant Juventus, which features four other players who won the World Cup for Italy in 1982 — Antonio Cabrini, Claudio Gentile, Gaetano Scirea and Marco Tardelli.

And Juventus also boasts Polish World Cup star Zbigniew Boniek.

Michel Platini, the 1983 European Footballer of the Year, won't be touring with Juventus however, as he is required to play for France at the time.

Glasgow Rangers, Manchester United and Nottingham Forest also will bring top-name players to Australia, providing all the teams tour with full-strength teams. David Mitchell, formerly of Sydney Hakoah, plays for Rangers.

Iraklis of Greece also is included in the international tournament, but it is one of eight teams still in the Greek Cup, the final of which is to be played on 10 June. Iraklis, however, is due to play its first match in Australia on June 8 — obviously an impossibility if it reaches the Cup final.

The other teams still in the Greek Cup are: Panionios, Ethnikos, PAO, Larissa, PAOK, Kavala and Egaleo.

Iraklis's top player is striker Vasilis Hatjipanagis, rated by many as Europe's No. 1 soccer player.

The top players of the other teams are:
MANCHESTER UNITED: Bryan Robson, Ray Wilkins, Gary Bailey,

Arnold Muehlen, Mike Duxbury, Frank Stapleton and Rami Moses.
NOTTINGHAM FOREST: Viv Anderson, Hans van Breukelen, Ian Bowyer, Colin Walsh, Gary Birtles, Steve Hodge.
GLASGOW RANGERS: Peter McCloy, Ally Dawson, Ally McCole, Dave Cooper, Jim Bett, Richard Prytz, Colin McAdam, John McDonald, Ian Redford, Grigor Stevens.

Incidentally, Gordon Stevens, brother of Rangers' Stevens, plays for Albion Rovers in the Victorian State League.

The international season starts with Manchester United meeting Australia A at the Sydney Cricket Ground on May 26, and ends on June 22. There will be a total of 21 matches.

Five games will be staged in Melbourne, six in Sydney, four in Adelaide, three in Brisbane, and one each in Perth, Canberra and Newcastle.

Juventus meets Manchester United in the first leg of the European Cup Winners' Cup



Paolo Rossi
(Juventus)



Viv Anderson
(Notts Forest)



Bryan Robson
(Manchester Utd)

ALL THE MATCHES

• The full schedule of matches is:

Saturday, 26 May: Australia A v. Manchester United at Sydney Cricket Ground, 3 pm.

Sunday, 27 May: Australia B v. Glasgow Rangers at Olympic Park, 3 pm; Western Australia v. Nottingham Forest in Perth, 3 pm.

Wednesday, 30 May: Australia A v. Nottingham Forest at Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, 8 pm.

Thursday, 31 May: Australia B v. Glasgow Rangers at Lang Park, Brisbane, 8 pm.

Saturday, 2 June: Australia A v. Glasgow Rangers at Sydney Cricket Ground, 3 pm.

Sunday, 3 June: Manchester United v. Nottingham Forest at Olympic Park, 3 pm.

Tuesday, 5 June: Australia B v. Glasgow Rangers, Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, 8 pm.

Wednesday, 6 June: Juventus v. Manchester United, Sydney Cricket Ground, 8 pm.

Thursday, 7 June: Australia A v. Nottingham Forest, Lang Park, Brisbane, 8 pm.

Friday, 8 June: Australia B v. Iraklis, Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, 8 pm.

Saturday, 9 June: Select XI v. Glasgow Rangers, Newcastle, 3 pm.

Sunday, 10 June: Australia A v. Juventus, Olympic Park, 3 pm.

Monday, 11 June: Select XI v. Iraklis, Canberra, 3 pm; Australia B v. Nottingham Forest, Sydney Cricket Ground, 3 pm.

Tuesday, 12 June: Australia A v. Juventus, Hindmarsh Stadium, Adelaide, 8 pm.

Wednesday, 13 June: Australia B v. Iraklis, Lang Park, Brisbane, 8 pm.

Saturday, 16 June: Australia A v. Juventus, Sydney Cricket Ground, 3 pm.

Sunday, 17 June: Australia B v. Iraklis, Olympic Park, 3 pm.

Wednesday, 20 June: Australia A v. Iraklis, Sydney Cricket Ground, 8 pm.

Friday, 22 June: Victoria v. Iraklis, Olympic Park, 8 pm.

semi-final today (Wednesday) and starts its Australian tour with a replay of that game, at the Sydney Cricket Ground on Wednesday, 6 June.

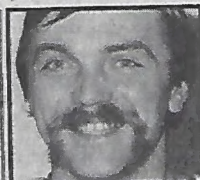
Up to 10 games will be replayed on Channel 9/28.

The international series is the first step in preparing Australia's national team for its 1986 World Cup challenge.

Top European teams have been chosen not only for their drawing power but also because, for the first time, Australia will have to meet a European nation in the World Cup qualifying series, starting late next year.



Iraklis — still in the Greek Cup finals



Mirek Smolarek



Joe Palinkas



Stefan Milla



Bruno Cozzella

Fawkner, Polonia

stake their claim to NSL

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Polonia or Fawkner for the NSL in 1985?

It looks like a two-horse race in the Victorian State League, the champion of which will replace the least successful of the present Victorian NSL sides.

Fawkner's case will be strengthened by a four-week guest stint by Eamonn Bannon, the Scottish international from Dundee United.

Eamonn, who arrives in early June, is the brother of Fawkner midfielder Ged Bannon.

Fawkner had a rough couple of weeks recently due to the suspension of centre back Frank Macleod and the injury to Ged Bannon, but still achieved good results.

Polonia had no such problems. In fact, it has gone from strength to strength, with the return of left back Mirek Smolarek who earlier wanted to leave the club, and the arrival from Poland of forward Leszek Gregorczyk, leading goalscorer in the Polish second division last season.

Janusz Przybyla, the former Motor Lublin striker, has been scoring with gay abandon and had a haul of six goals from four games before last weekend's round.

His attacking partner, Noel Mitten, had three. Both Fawkner and Polonia made strong applications for membership of this year's enlarged NSL, but lost out to the successful applicants, Juventus, Green Gully, Croatia, and Sunshine-George Cross.

Determined to get in next time, both clubs set about improving their teams.

And both also appointed new coaches — Polonia getting John Gardiner and Fawkner signing Gus Macleod.

Gardiner played for Croatia, Hellas and George Cross, while Macleod was with Green Gully, Footscray J.U.S.T. and Croydon.

Either club would do well in the NSL, as both have strong committees, good grounds and solid support.

Here's a short guide to some of the more prominent players at Polonia and Fawkner:

POLONIA

RICKY LIPIARSKI, right back, recently included in the State squad, longest-serving Polonia player, apart from Andy Czapiak. Had a stint with Ardeer during his youth. Now about 32.

MIREK SMOLAREK formerly of LKS Lodz and a Polish junior representative in 1965 against France, Switzerland, Italy, Greece and West Germany. Also 32 and plays left back.

STEFAN MILLA, sweeper, ex-Gwardia Warsaw, played 12 games for the Polish Olympic team and won the Victorian Rothmans Medal last season.

JOE TRONT, midfielder, came from Scotland to join Mooroolbark where he played in the NSL. Later was with Croatia, Heidelberg-Alexander, Croydon and Wilhelmia. Played nine State games.

JANUSZ PRZYBYLA, striker, ex-Motor Lublin, the finest striker in the State League. Scored 16 league and cup goals last year despite missing many games due to injury.

NOEL MITTEN, striker, came from Eire to join South Melbourne Hellas in the NSL and later played for Albion Rovers, Frankston City and Croatia. A former Manchester United apprentice and Eire youth international.

FAWKNER

ROBERT TERZINI, goalkeeper, played for Juventus in the State League before joining Fawkner.

CESARE FATTORE, centre back, long-serving defender with a big reputation. Sought by Juventus early this year.

GARY HOBSON, left back, signed from Croydon recently.

PETER BOYLE, midfielder, played in the West Adelaide Hellas team that won the 1978 NSL championship. Has since been with Preston-Macedonia and Green Gully where he played in two championship teams.

GED BANNON, midfielder, came to Australia to join his brothers Vince and Pat and to play for Juventus. Later joined Frankston before returning to Juventus and then switching to Fawkner for the 1984 season.

JOE PALINKAS, winger, former Australian youth rep, started with Melbourne-Hungary, then joined St. George Budapest, played NSL for Footscray J.U.S.T. from where he transferred to Brisbane City for \$17,000. Played on loan to Fawkner last season, but a permanent transfer was arranged during this off-season.

IAN TUFFIELD, striker, was with Box Hill and Preston-Macedonia before joining Fawkner. Played many games as centre back last season, due to injuries in the team.

BRUNO COZZELLA, striker, started with Altona City, was top scorer with J.U.S.T. in the NSL before joining Fawkner.

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1. Name the winner of the grand final of the 1983 Northern NSW Fourth Division.

2. Name the winner of the Tasmanian Rothmans League Division Three title last year.

3. How many times has Tommy Cumming of Melbourne Croatia won the Bill Fleming Medal?

4. Name the Latrobe Valley First Division champion for 1983.

5. Sydney Olympic goalkeeper Gary Meier made one appearance for the Socceroos. In what year and against which team?

Last week's winner was NICK MAKAS, 100 Curtin Avenue, Loder, 3075. The answers were: 1. Dixie Deans. 2. Adelaide City Juvenets. 3. Chris Bambridge. 4. 11 coaches. 5. Eight goals.

THE 40 SOCCEROOS

The Melbourne-based squad is: Peter Laumets, Alan Davidson, Steve Blair, Ken Murphy, Oscar Crino, Doug Brown (Hellas), Tony Franken, Frank Farina (Canberra), Con Opasinis, Robbie Dunn, Claude Lucchesi, Gary Cole (Makedonia), Charlie Yankos (Heidelberg), Jim Campbell, Peter Lewis (Melb. Croatia), Joe Mullen (Adel. C. Juventus), Danny Wright (Brisbane Lions), Andrew Zinni (Juventus).

The Sydney-based squad: Terry

Greedy, David Skeen, Tony Ratcliffe, John O'Shea, Robbie Slater (St. Geo. Budapest), Tony Pezzano, Steve O'Connor, Alex Robertson, Jim Cant, Joe Watson, John Kosmina (Sydney City Hakoah), Graham Jennings, Tony Dakos, Peter Raskopoulos, Jim Patikas, Marshall Soper (Sydney Olympic), Howard Tredinick (Melita Eagles), Joe Rizzotto, Paul Carter, Tommy McCulloch (Marconi), Phil O'Connor (Blacktown), Ian Gray (APIA).

Lucchesi, Opasinis in; Katholos, Cumming out

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Con Opasinis and Claude Lucchesi of Preston-Makedonia and Tony Pezzano of Sydney City Hakoah are the surprise selections in the 40-man national squad named at the weekend by national coach Frank Arok.

In all the speculation preceding the selection of the squad, these three never were mentioned.

The glaring omissions are Tony Henderson, star of the Australian team that won the Merlion Cup in Singapore last December; Melbourne Croatia dynamo Tommy Cumming, and Sydney Olympic's international midfielder Peter

Katholos who has been in fine form recently.

Olympic coach Manfred Schaefer, who dropped Katholos at the start of the NSL season, said after Katholos had scored twice against Penrith last Sunday, that Katholos deserves to be in the national squad.

"He has certainly proved a lot to me in the past few weeks," Schaefer said.

Cumming, who was player-coach of Croatia for part of last season, and who is playing as well as ever, may have been omitted because he is taking legal action against the ASF over an injury sustained while last on national team duty.

Lucchesi, 28, last was considered for representative soccer in 1976, for a game by Victoria against Bologna of Italy, but after training with the initial 22-man selection, he failed to make the final 16.

"It was so long ago, I can't even be 100 per cent sure that it was the Bologna match," Lucchesi said this week.

"I was never considered again, so I put representative soccer right out of my mind in the past two or three years.

"I'm rapt. It's come as a total shock, but I must say it's refreshing. It's given me a new lease on life."

Opasinis, 19, was off the planet when he heard, "Magic. Brilliant. I'm absolutely thrilled. Unbelievable," he said.

He's had only two seasons of senior soccer. Coach Peter Olertson brought him along gradually, using Opasinis to mark opposition danger men.

"I was a midfielder in the juniors, but it was hard to get a midfield spot in the senior team," Opasinis said. "Now, with Gordon Flavell out injured, I'm being given my chance, and I'm really enjoy-



Claude Lucchesi



Con Opasinis

ing it. In defence, you do what you're told. In midfield, you can express yourself much more, and I'm working hard at it.

"I'm really happy for Claude, too. He really deserves it and it's about time he was recognised."

Robbie Dunn switched from West Adelaide Hellas to Makedonia early this year because he desperately wanted the exposure necessary to break into the national squad. He achieved his ambition by being included in Arok's squad, together with another Makedonia player, Gary Cole.

Doug Brown and Oscar Crino of South Melbourne make a long-overdue appearance in the squad, as does David Skeen of St. George and Howard Tredinick of Melita Eagles.

Yugoslav midfielder Zarko Ozakov of Preston-Makedonia remains under consideration, subject to him gaining permanent residency. He has been in Australia for only a year.

Makedonia goalkeeper Steve Potter also is under consideration for a future squad.

The Australian squad has been split in two. Half will train in Sydney, the others in Melbourne.

HALFORD APPEALS

Carl Halford was expected to have his appeal hearing set for tomorrow (Thursday) as we went to press.

Halford is appealing against the \$25,000 fee placed on his head by South Melbourne Hellas. The midfielder wants to join Melbourne Croatia.

The appeal will be heard at Soccer House in Melbourne. The appeal board members are expected to be Jim Mangopoulos, Henry Siwka and Tony Kovac.

Bozikas wants \$8000

A County Court summons has been issued in Melbourne on behalf of former Heidelberg player Andy Bozikas, claiming \$8000 in unpaid signing-on fees from Heidelberg.

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With
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Scott



IN FOCUS

'Mirror' hysteria, 'sponsorship' and Chaldi the spy

Do you ever get the distinct feeling that someone's watching you, but can't quite identify the culprit?

Don't be surprised if Socceroo coach Frank Arok gets that same funny feeling between his shoulder blades during the coming weeks.

Just as he gets ready to get the Aussie World Cup show on the road, he must now reconcile himself to the fact that virtually every move he and his squad members make during the coming months will be under very close scrutiny and faithfully reported to the Israeli Football Association.

The Israelis, likely to be our most dangerous opponents on the road to a hoped-for final play-off against one of the European nations, wasted no time at all in ensuring that they have eyes and ears in this far-flung part of the soccer world.

And, believe me, they have come up with an expert in the person of a former National Soccer League coach of the year, the shrewd Garry Chaldi.

Formerly a star of the Israeli national team, not to mention Sydney Hakoah's super team of the early sixties, with dozens of appearances to his credit against a wide variety of countries, including such exotica in current-day political terms as a World Cup match against the Soviet Union in Moscow, the French-born Chaldi has been content to ply his trade as a Sydney taxi driver, since leaving West Adelaide Hellas several years ago.

But Chaldi's role in Israel's World Cup campaign extends way beyond spying on the Socceroos. He is trying to cover the whole Oceania scene from his home in Sydney's eastern suburbs.

In fact, his greatest problem last week was how to get the goods on China Taipei (Taiwan).

Let anyone become chagrined over Chaldi's aid to the Israelis, rest easy.

Just remember Frank Arok's first reaction after being appointed to the job.

He too will have a full dossier on all our opponents' weaknesses and strengths.

Sponsorship it's not

Seems that skirmishing has again erupted between the NSL and the ASF, this time on two fronts:

- The West Nally involvement, and
- Affiliations of individual office holders with the league.

To take these points one by one, readers of 'Soccer Action' have been forewarned about the possible pitfalls of the marketing agreement by my colleague Les Shorrocks and myself a few weeks ago. I would appreciate, though, if the agreement wasn't ever referred to again as a sponsorship, because it isn't.

Sponsorship is a form of donation in the hope of public relations benefits, while marketing is a straight out business contract in the case of West Nally's involvement, with all the duties and implications such a arrangement implies.

As for the method of determining the eligibility of individuals to lead the NSL, let me just make two points.

Seeing how we are pinching all sorts of ideas from the USA, it is valid to point out that all American pro leagues, whatever the sport, are led by commissioners with no affiliation to any of the member clubs and with great discretionary powers.

The current moves to change eligibility rules would also be more convincing if it weren't for the fact that they surfaced only after disagreements between ASF leaders and those elected to lead the NSL.

Furthermore, it is valid to point out that the NSL clubs should be mature enough to choose whoever they wish to lead them. After all, their survival hinges on such decisions.

Life at the top

In a recent issue of the national daily, "The Australian," Sir Arthur George recalled how he "agonised" over Les Schenflug's position as Socceroo coach.

"I sent a message via my secretary in December to make sure he got a club coaching position.

"If he did not get the message by then, something was wrong," the ASF boss stated.

One would think Sir Arthur could have found the time to personally 'deliver' the message to Schenflug, instead of via one of his employees.

But then that would imply changing to a leadership style which is obviously foreign to him.

Hot air and hoo ha

If over there was a boat-up story it was the "Day of disgrace" nonsense over the Hakoah v Olympic match recently.

And all of it emanated from one source, a colleague who writes for Sydney's afternoon tabloid "Daily Mirror," as well as moonlighting for radio 2GB and another soccer weekly.

The trouble is that in all his righteous indignation he threw the proverbial baby out with the bathwater.

For instance, his local soccer reports in "The Mirror's" March 26 issue consisted of 29 paragraphs, a great deal of valuable space.

Unfortunately, only one, repeat one, paragraph attempted even a cursory description of the actual soccer action in the dozen or so matches.

We were also treated to the almost biblical concept of suggestions that the alleged sins of Hakoah players be visited on the head of their coach Eddie Thompson, putting his appointment as Socceroo B team coach in jeopardy.

The same journo's nine-paragraph report in a soccer publication dealt with the actual soccer only in the last paragraph, letting us know "for the record" that "Soccer Action's" Peter Katholos, as well as Barnes and Kosmina, did manage to find the net.

The crowning glory of this two-day rampage through the media was the statement broadcast over 2GB, stating that supporters, who, incidentally, were stoning and pelting the Sydney City Hakoah bench before anyone was sent off, were "justified" in their rather repulsive carryings-on after the match.

Finally, even the poor skinheads, never more than 10 to 20 of them at Hakoah matches, were blamed for the hullabaloo.

That, as anyone who bothered to observe what went on knows, is simply untrue.

To round off a good week, our friend returned to the airwaves predicting death, I repeat, death, if they dare to turn up for the Hakoah match against Croatia.

That is doing soccer a real service, isn't it?

Thankfully, other members of the media decided to keep matters in some sort of proper perspective and this was mirrored in their reports for AAP, the ABC, the "Daily Telegraph" and "The Mirror's" afternoon rival, "The Sun."

World Cup bull

The "Daily Mirror," yet again, managed to drop a clanger on March 28, when reporting Israel's moves aimed at avoiding the possibility of all World Cup eliminations next year taking place in Australia and New Zealand.

Thundering words emanated from "The Mirror," such as "Act of desperation," "Bombshell," and so on ad infinitum.

Fortunately for soccer fans this newspaper deals in facts, and the fact is there is nothing unusual in the Israeli action.

Normally, countries grouped together in the Cup eliminations sit down in conference to decide dates and venues.

This has not occurred on this occasion, therefore FIFA has been called in to arbitrate.

FIFA will make a decision and I'm hopeful its edict will be favourable to the Socceroos, who have done their share of globetrotting in years past.



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KB COLLAPSES, ROSEBUD ON SHOESTRING BUDGET

By LAURIE SCHWAB

Adamstown Rosebud, playing under the name of Newcastle Rosebud United, is expected to take the place of the defunct Newcastle KB United in the NSL this week.

Rosebud would play against Juventus at Olympic Park No. 2, in the first inter-conference challenge round on Sunday.

But it's unlikely that Rosebud will succeed in luring more than a few of the KB players to the new club.

Many of them, including Craig Mason, John Macquarrie, Simon Brandt and Michael Boogaard, have said they will try to join other clubs. Brandt is known to have received a number of offers. Heidelberg and Sunshine-George Cross are among those interested.

The NSL decided at the weekend to allow Adamstown Rosebud to take KB's place in the league, and also be credited with the points gained by KB so far.

However, it ruled that Rosebud would have to pay transfer fees for the KB players, for the good of KB's creditors.

Rosebud director Joe Lanzoni said that the new club does not have enough money to pay transfer fees. In fact, it has offered the KB players a lot less than they were getting from the old club.

Rosebud has already paid the league a \$7000 joining fee, so it has little left.

Without the KB players, Rosebud would have to field a team of players from the club's Northern NSW First Division side. The best of them are left back Warren Davies, and young English striker Derek Todd.

Rosebud finished third behind Central Coast Association and Weston Bears in the North NSW First Division last season. Its former stars include Col Curran, Joe Senkalski, Graham Jennings, Ray Baartz, Ron Giles and Alex Cameron. The club is about 100 years old, has a glowing reputation in Newcastle and boasts a plush licensed club. It plays at Adamstown Oval, which has covering for about 700, and is about to be equipped with floodlights.

The directors of Newcastle Rosebud United — the company formed three months ago in anticipation of KB United folding — are Paul Colver (president), Joe Lanzoni (senior vice-president), Allan Davies (junior vice-president) and Frank Davies. KB United's demise caused NSL manager Steve Karnaz, in a TV interview last week, to express doubts about the success of the new NSL format.

"We decided on the new format in order to cut costs and maximise crowds," he said, "but while we're happy with what's happening in Melbourne, we're disappointed with the crowds in Sydney."

Meanwhile, the KB United players are disappointed that Rosebud decided to appoint a new coach, Jim Foley, rather than Ken Kaiser, the man who coached KB United.

Newcastle KB United collapsed when Ken Sparrow, one of the four remaining directors (there were eight initially) resigned.

That left the club without a quorum and so it was unable even to appoint new directors.

Newcastle KB United had sponsorship of \$30,000 from Carlton and United Breweries for 1984, and CUB also covered a \$30,000 overdraft by the club. However, KB United had budgeted for a further sponsorship amount of \$50,000 from other sources, which fell through.

NSW State League club Sutherland Shire applied for the vacancy when KB folded, but the NSL has decided it is preferable to admit another Northern NSW club.

I think the NSL should be prepared for further problems before the season ends.

Newcastle KB United's collapse is unlikely to be the only casualty; half a dozen or more clubs eventually could follow them into oblivion.

It's hardly a secret that Wollongong, Canberra and Heidelberg have financial worries; Olympic's debt is allegedly near the \$500,000 mark.

And then there are others. Sydney Hakoah, APIA, Footscray J.U.S.T. or the two Adelaide teams may not face immediate insolvency — but they certainly have been wondering, for some time, the wisdom of carrying on in the NSL.

Newcastle's collapse is a shocking indictment of Australian soccer — and I mean 'Australian' as very distinct from ethnic-Australian.

Here we had a team enjoying monopoly in a large industrial city; never in danger of relegation — by guarantee!

They were the boom city of 1976 and 1978, with reported average crowds of 10,000 — the largest in NSL history.

They could use the International Sports Centre for their home games — and even if the rent might have been high, it's still a damn sight less than spending a million bucks or so on your own stadium, as St. George, Marconi and Grassroots did.

Over the years Newcastle sold some of their best talent — Boden, the two Treddinicks, Bertogna, Lowe — collecting sizeable sums. How can they go broke?

I feel it would serve a very useful purpose if a public inquiry was held into the circumstances of Newcastle's disappearance.

Some years ago Western Suburbs was allowed to drift out of the NSL — amid rumors of mismanagement and strange financial "deals".

If an investigation showed that Newcastle's collapse was due "only" to poor administration and management, at least the soccer public would stop feeding on rumors of malfeasance.

Mind you — I don't know whether I'd prefer to hear

No future for district clubs in NSL



Andrew Dettre

that Newcastle went to the wall in an honest but stupid way.

If that can happen to a Newcastle, there is absolutely no hope for any genuine Australian district club to survive without a heavy ethnic link.

And that goes for Adamstown Rosebud, too. I cannot believe that Adamstown, just because of their poker machines and bar licence, will succeed where Newcastle failed.

Indeed, I feel it was wrong to bring in Adamstown as a replacement for Newcastle.

If Newcastle couldn't continue, fine, they could have dropped out. But why was it necessary to replace them with a club which had never applied for NSL membership and never been officially checked out?

The Australian Conference could have carried on with 11 teams — and blast the occasional inter-conference lunacy or whatever it is.

Surely it would have been better, from a sporting point of view, to make some other arrangements for that occasional inter-conference lunacy rather than draft a club into the NSL without any known credentials.

And what sort of a league is it, anyway, where one week a team faces Newcastle and the next week another team meets Adamstown — as if identical opponents could be cloned?

So far three clubs have dropped out of the NSL: Mooroolbark, Western Suburbs and Newcastle. Not

one of them with a migrant base.

I'm not saying this won't happen one day; there have been enough gloomy predictions about Footscray J.U.S.T. ever since 1977.

But somehow, almost miraculously, these ethnic clubs manage to save themselves.

Almost every few months you hear about Olympic's immediate collapse — then a few "mad" supporters appear on the scene, sign a new bank guarantee and everything goes on.

It's these sorts of passionate fans and officials who would have been needed in Newcastle — and could be handy in Wollongong, too, if they are to stave off a similar fate.

Perkins

Don't be surprised if Aboriginal activist Charlie Perkins soon makes a bid for a top soccer position.

Recently appointed secretary (permanent head) of the Department of Aborigi-

al Affairs, Charlie is also president of Canberra Arrows.

Although he has denied having any ambition to climb to the top in soccer, I feel sure that he would go more than half way to accept a position.

But which position? ASF chief Sir Arthur George, now about 68, intends to stay put for at least another two years.

Besides, if he did want to step down and hand over to a successor, Charlie Perkins would not be in the first two million of his choices.

That leaves the chairmanship of the NSL as a possibility for Perkins, former rough-and-tumble Pan Hellenic and Bankstown midfielder, more recently turned author ("A bastard like me").

This would require the resignation or removal of the current chairman, Sam Papasavas and probably his deputy, Tony Labbozetta.

But would Sir Arthur George like Perkins nudged so close to the throne? Would it be safe?

And could the two men work together — not to mention any co-operation between Perkins and Sheehan, both abrasive by nature and lacking any semblance of "cojourn la politesse."

Peter Sheehan will stay in soccer as long as West Nally wants him; not a day longer. Indeed, maybe not even that long.

But while he is there, his direct influence on Arthur George is reportedly stronger than anybody else's.

I am not sure it's a healthy thing that a man, not elected into any position, representing a foreign marketing organisation, can carry such power and influence in our soccer.

Let others answer that question.

Such as Papasavas and Labbozetta, for instance.

Tribunal to view fight video

A video tape of the recent Victorian State League clash between Fawkner and Polonia will be shown tonight (Wednesday) to the VFL tribunal which has been investigating aspects of a brawl which erupted when a spectator clashed with Dave Gibson, seconds after the Polonia midfielder had been sent off in the match.

This sets a precedent for use of what could turn out to be damning video tape evidence. Polonia is up in arms about the tape being shown, for it believes that the convention of relying upon referees' reports should be strictly adhered to.

Polonia is seeking legal advice and may be legally represented at tonight's hearing.

The tribunal's decision to view the video, places referees and players under far greater scrutiny.

Will we now see clubs protests against refereeing being accompanied by videos of incidents such as penalties, off-the-ball clashes, send offs etc?

Contrary to the view prevalent at Soccer House, many clubs now are video taping their home games.

— CRAIG MACKENZIE



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The NNSWSF directors have appointed me as manager of the state side with former Everton star and Rothmans Medal winner Mike Trebilcock as coach.

Preparation of the team has been hampered by incessant rain and the need to fit in with club training requirements.

However the following training squad has been selected which soon will be reduced to 16 players:

Andrew Stowell, David Fitzsimmons, Dale Eggleton, Peter Manno (Central Coast); Glenn Wand, David Wilson, Brett Baldwin, Brett Porter, Troy Donahue (West Wallsend); Wayne Leary, Jim Goldsmith, Ralph Dixon, Steve Bazarth (Lake Macquarie); Brett Faulkes, Dale Rowney, Scott Haynes (Cardiff); Mark Fullick, Russell Mansley, Andrew Johns, (Weston); Clint Gosling, Peter Burke, Ralph Maier, Michael Boogaard, John McQuarrie, Craig Mason, Simon Brandt (Newcastle United); Paul Robbins (Belmont Swanses).

A notable omission from the squad is former Australian international Joe Senkalski although seven of his team members at Newcastle United have been selected.

By JOE LANZONI

The last time the Northern NSW team took part in an interstate game was in April, 1970 against Queensland in conjunction with the official opening of the International Sports Centre.

Northern NSW has been a prolific nursery especially in the years before the sixties when two-thirds of the Australian team came from Newcastle and surrounding districts.

Notable stars of that era were the immortal Reg Date and Artie Quill, both still ardent followers of Newcastle KB United.

After the 1959 soccer revolution, Newcastle continued to produce players of outstanding ability and the names of Ray Baartz and Col Curran immediately spring to mind. Baartz was a regular in Rale Rasie's 1974 World Cup team until a Uruguayan elbow cut short a brilliant career.

The trend has continued even among the present crop of internationals where one finds Marshall Soper, Graham Jennings, Peter Treddinick and possibly David Lowe knocking at the door.

However, the most successful Northern NSW product certainly has been Liverpool midfielder Craig Johnston. Craig, a Lake Macquarie junior product, clawed his way to the top in the difficult surroundings of English League Soccer and is an established player in what is commonly regarded as the best club team in Europe.

The present crop of representatives is young and inexperienced but some promising players are emerging and judging by Northern NSW's illustrious record, nobody in their right mind would dismiss this side lightly.

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Boden, Borges to Croatia for \$11,000

South Melbourne Hellas's task of beating Sydney City Hakoah on Sunday's top-of-the-bill clash at Middle Park has been made easier by the double transfer of Ken Boden and Nello Borges to Sydney Croatia for \$11,000 last Friday.



Ken Boden



Nello Borges

this year to retain the Australia-wide flavor of the competition.

Among the interesting combinations brought about by the draw are Melbourne Croatia's trip to Sydney Olympic, and the visit by new club Newcastle Rosebud to Brunswick Juventus.

But the most interesting clash of the round is definitely the Hellas-Hakoah confrontation at Middle Park.

Hellas has the ground advantage but may be hampered by the absence of John Yzen-door whose leg injury appears to be a bit more serious than first thought.

Coach Len McKendry has the option of either moving Bobby Russell or Chris Kalfafidis to the centre of the defence to take care of a Sydney City strike force which should be strengthened by the return of John Kosmina after his one-match suspension.

Melbourne Croatia's thrashing by Heidelberg provides coach Terry Hennessey with the ideal opportunity to bring Jozo Antolovic back to add a bit of steel to the midfield which has been far too adventurous for the coach's liking.

Croatia's backline also should be reshuffled after last Sunday's disaster if it is to cope with the bustling style of Marshall Soper and the new-found scoring touch of Peter Katholos.

Brunswick Juventus may be strengthened by the return of Fab Incantulo for the first NSL match featuring the combine from Newcastle and Rosebud.

Juve coach John Margaritis also has high hopes of a return by Joe Sweeney from Scotland

in time for the match, in which case it ought to be a baptism of fire for the Northern NSW club.

Experienced midfielder Stuart Blair returns to Melbourne permanently because of a promotion at work this week and could be snapped up by either Green Gully, George Cross or Heidelberg in time for this coming weekend's round.

Blair moved from Adelaide City to Azzurri in the deal involving Robbie Dunn pre-season but the South Australian State League club will not stand in his way now and has placed a reasonable \$4500 price tag on his head to enable him to get a new club as soon as possible.

Blair's phone numbers after this Friday will be 338 7722 at work and 589 3381 at home.

Signing for Gully would prove ideal for Blair as his work will be mostly in Keilor but although the club has invited him to training, signing a midfielder falls way behind the two targets of striker and sweeper for Ajax and the club may decide to keep the money to invest on two other players it already has made contact with — one interstate and one in England.

For that reason, I expect the Greens to be unchanged for the battle against bottom side Wollongong at Green Gully Reserve this Sunday.

Adelaide City Juventus has talked Glen Dods out of retirement and will need every bit of the experience he gained in 36 internationals for New Zealand to cope with the blend of youth and experience of St George Budapest.

NSL matches, with likely winners in capitals:

SUNDAY

SOUTH MELBOURNE HELLAS v Sydney City Hakoah at Middle Park, 3 pm.
SYDNEY OLYMPIC v Melbourne Croatia at Pratten Park, 3 pm.
BRUNSWICK JUVENTUS v Newcastle Rosebud at Olympic Park No. 2, 3 pm.
PENRITH CITY v Brisbane City at Cook Park, 3 pm.
Adelaide City Juventus v ST. GEORGE at Olympic Sports Field, 2.30 pm.
Blacktown v Preston Makodonia (draw) at Gabba Stadium, 3 pm.
APIA LEICHHARDT v West Adelaide Hellas at Henson Park, 3 pm.
MELITA EAGLES v Footscray JUST at Melita Stadium, 3 pm.
HEIDELBERG UNITED v Canberra Arrows at Olympic Village, 3 pm.
Brisbane Lions v SYDNEY CROATIA at Richlands, 3 pm.
MARCONI v Sunshine-George Cross at Marconi Stadium, 3 pm.
GREEN GULLY AJAX v Wollongong at Green Gully Reserve, 3 pm.

WEDNESDAY (Tonight)

BRISBANE CITY v Brisbane Lions at Spencer Park, 7.30 pm.



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Franken leads

Canberra's sensational goalkeeper **Antony Franken** has taken a two-point lead in the Boral Bricks Player of the Year award with five votes for his performance against Melita Eagles at the weekend.

All the leading votegetters polled points on Sunday but Ken Murphy made most headway, moving into fifth spot following a five-vote rating in the Hellas v Juventus clash.

Meanwhile Peter Katholos has joined the leaders in the race for the Boral Bricks \$1000 top scorers' award with his two-goal effort in Olympic's 2-0 win over Penrith.

The other players on five goals are Simon Brandt of Newcastle, Doug Farina of Hellas, Frank Farina of Canberra and Marshall Soper of Sydney Olympic.

Top votegetters:
 28. Franken (C)
 26. Bradley (APIA) McIntosh (P)
 2. Treddnick (APIA)
 22. Murphy (SMH)
 21. Sproul (WA)
 18. Farina (C), McPherson (ME)

3. Bryant (C), Arnold (Syd. Cr.), Bundalo (W), Byrne (B), Campbell (Mak), Cumming (Melb. Cr.), Duarte (ME), Farrugia (ME), Konstandopoulos (WA), Murray (SCH), Ward (J).

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T. 0 GREEN GULLY AJAX 1 (Kremers 55th) at Schinter Reserve. Crowd: about 1,200. Ratings by Craig MacKenzie.

FOOTSCRAY J.U.S.T.: Tsigras 7 — McDowell 7, Tuill 5 (Kyriakoulas 75th), Hazenb 6 — Taylor 8, Balic 5, O'Donnell 6, Tansey 6 — Carroll 6, Paton 5, Lulic 5. Coach: Bob McLachlan.
GREEN GULLY AJAX: Denys 7 — Hogben 7, Kremers 7, Cannell 7, P. Beranic 6 — Vassallo 6, Wade 7, Smart 7, Williams 7 — Toal 6, Carter 6. Coach: Jim Rooney.
 Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Wade (GGA), 5. Williams (GGA), 4. McDowell (FJ), 3. Cannell (GGA), 2. Hogben (GGA), 1. Kremers (GGA).

SUNSHINE GEORGE CROSS 0 PRESTON MAKEDONIA 2 (Campbell 9th, Opatinis 73rd) at Chaplin Reserve. Crowd: about 3000. Ratings by Peter Desira.

GEORGE CROSS: Contini 6; Bennett 7, O'Reilly 8, Richardson 8, Taylor 6; Campbell 6; Stevenson 6; MacLaren 7; Jovanovic 7; McGorlan 6; Glidder 6 (Latif 62nd). Coach: Tommy Traynor.
PRESTON MAKEDONIA: Potter 7; Opatinis 8, Dunn 7, Ollerton 7, Petrovski 9; Otdakov 7, Lucchiesi 6, Iloki 6 (Kotevski 85m); Campbell 8, Cole 6, Heys 6 (Livingston 85th). Coach: Peter Ollerton.
 Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. Petrovski (PM), 5. Campbell (PM), 4. O'Reilly (GC), 3. Opatinis (PM), 2. Richardson (GC), 1. Ollerton (PM).

HEIDELBERG-ALEXANDER 5 (Winn 24th, 47th, 61st, 89th, Patterson penalty 65th) **MELBOURNE CROATIA 2** (Gojevic 79th, Cumming 57th) at Olympic Village. Crowd: 4000. Ratings by Ken Kontar.

HEIDELBERG: Oliver 7; McKie 7, Macleod 6, Yankos 8, Gabrielson 7; Peterson 9, Selemidis 8, Valentin 7; Vagias 6, (Metaxas 87th), Winn 10, Patterson 8. Coach: Brian Garvey.

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

CANBERRA ARROWS 1 (Mihalides 78th) **MELITA EAGLES 2** (Duarte 32nd, Farrugia penalty 55th) at National Sports Centre, Canberra. Crowd, 1,809. Ratings by Peter Windsor:

CANBERRA: Franken 8, Ontong 7, Jones 8, Hogg 7, Redmont 7; Sermann 8, Brockbank 8, Bryant 7 (Mihalides 51st, 7), Gibson 7; Reis (45th, 7); Farina 8, Phillips 7. Coach: Doug Collins.
MELITA: McPherson 8, McAusland 7, Treddnick 7, McGinn 7, Wilson 7; Farrugia 8, Goncherson (78th) Davis 7, Allan 7, Griffiths 7; McKie 7 (Jamieson 45th, 7), Duarte 8. Coach: Raul Blanco.
 Best six for Boral Bricks best player award: 6. McPherson (ME), 5. Franken (Can), 3. Duarte (ME), 3. Brockbank (Can), 2. Farrugia (ME), 1. Jones (Can).

MARCONI 1 (Sharne 21) **APIA LEICHHARDT 3** (Treddnick 17, Gray 45, Bradley 63) at Marconi Stadium. Crowd: 1851. Ratings by Alex Vasic:

MARCONI: James 7, Carter 6, Djordjevic 7, Henderson 7, Rizzotto 5 (sent off 63) — Spanos 5 (Marian 28 — 6), Carrizzo 6 (Budini 65),

NATIONAL CONFERENCE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
JUVENTUS	4	1	1	10	8	9
SM-HELLAS	3	1	2	12	7	7
MAKEDONIA	2	3	1	6	4	7
WEST ADEL HELLAS	3	1	2	7	8	7
HEIDELBERG	2	2	2	10	8	6
Bris. City	2	2	1	6	5	6
Adel. C. Juve	2	2	2	6	6	6
Melb. Croatia	2	2	2	12	13	6
Footsc JUST	1	2	3	7	8	4
Brisb. Lions	1	2	2	5	9	4
Green Gully	1	1	4	4	11	3
S.Geo. Cross	0	2	4	1	7	2

AUSTRALIAN CONFERENCE

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
SYD. C. HAKOAH	3	2	0	12	4	8
SYD. OLYMPIC	3	2	1	10	4	8
APIA	3	2	1	10	7	8
MELITA EAGLES	3	2	1	8	6	8
*NEWCASTLE KB	3	1	1	8	3	7
St. Geo. Budapest	2	2	1	6	4	6
Blacktown	2	2	1	8	7	6
Penrith	2	2	2	10	7	6
Canberra	2	0	4	13	11	4
Syd. Croatia	1	2	2	7	13	4
Marconi	1	1	4	6	11	3
Wollongong	0	1	4	4	14	1

*Newcastle KB United has folded up. Replacement team yet to be admitted.

Youth leagues

	W	D	L	F	A	Pts
NATIONAL YOUTH LEAGUE AIS 9 St George 2, Canberra 2, Melita Eagles 2, Marconi 1, APIA-Leichhardt 1, Blacktown v St George, Sydney City v Newcastle, Olympic v Penrith all postponed.						
Points Score: St George 8, AIS 7, Melita Eagles 7, Sydney City 6, APIA-Leichhardt 6, Blacktown 6, Canberra 5, Penrith 5, Newcastle 5, Marconi 5, Olympic 4, Wollongong 0, Croatia 0.						
VICTORIAN YOUTH LEAGUE B.U. Juventus 2, STH Makodonia 1, Footscray JUST 2, Green Gully 2, Heidelberg 2.						
UTD 1 Melb Croatia 2, Sun-George Cross 2, Preston-Makedonia 2, Knox City 0, Frankston Pines 5, Morwell Falcons 1, Nuna City 2.						

Team of the week

In brackets: No. of appearances in team of the week

M. BROWN (1) (APIA)	DOWIE (1) (Juventus)	McINTOSH (1) (Melita)	McPHERSON (1) (Melita Eagles)	PETROVSKI (1) (Preston)
DAVIDSON (1) (St. M. Hellas)	MIRANDA (2) (Juventus)	PETERSEN (1) (Heidelberg)	MURPHY (1) (St. M. Hellas)	
KONSTANDOPOULOS (1) (West Adelaide)	WINN (1) (Heidelberg)			

AMETCO AWARD

Leaders in the Ametco Travel award for the top scorer in the National Conference:

5. Brown (SM).
 4. Sweeney (J), Gojevic (Melb. Cr.), Winn (H'berg).

3. Patterson (H'berg), Ward (J), G. Campbell (Mak), Cumming (Melb Cr.), Konstandopoulos (WA).

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Sir Arthur George

Sir Arthur apologises; Cup games as curtain-raisers?

Showdown defused

National Cup matches may be played as curtain-raisers to the series of international matches in May-June.

This was one of the possible compromises that helped to defuse the showdown between the National Soccer League and sponsorship interests at the weekend.

The showdown took place at the Australian Soccer Federation executive meeting in Sydney. And in the aftermath, ASF commercial director

Peter Sheehan, and NSL chairman Sam Pappasavas are on speaking terms again.

What's more, ASF president Sir Arthur George will write to the NSL clubs, withdrawing any inuendoes about the NSL management committee or Mr Pappasavas.

The terms of the \$240,000 sponsorship of the NSL by West Nally, through ASF Marketing, will be renegotiated today.

The NSL objected to much of the original agreement. It disagreed, for example, that the Channel 9/28 'Match of the Day' should be played at one set venue in Melbourne and one in Sydney. Rather,

the NSL wants every ground to have the opportunity of hosting 'Match of the Day'. Neither did the NSL agree that ASF Marketing should have control over the NSL's expenditure.

Playing National Cup matches as curtain-raisers during the international series would solve the problem of NSL clubs losing income during the four-week break in the NSL competition.

And it would guarantee that the Cup matches — which will be played without the services of the 40 players chosen to represent Australia — at least would have an audience.

Presumably, the NSL would get a cut of gate takings if it stages its Cup games as double-head-ers.

All gate takings collected during the international series will be paid to ASF Marketing, and any profit after expenses is held by ASF Marketing, although if the profit exceeds a certain amount, a percentage will go to the ASF. Fees will of course, be paid to the ASF to pay for the Soccercoors, their coaching and their training camps.

The ASF endorsed the NSL deal with Ansett for air travel. It replaces an earlier deal with TAA.

— LAURIE SCHWAB

Juventus rubs it in!

Juventus 2 SM-Hellas 1

Scorers: Ward 1-0, 54th, Swincoe 2-0, 69th; Lewis 2-1, 86th.

Venue: Olympic Park No. 2
Cautions: Miranda (J), Hird (J), Cullen (J), Brown (SM), Swincoe (J).

Referee: Stewart Mellings

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Did you hear the one about the motley cowboy who, while riding on the range, comes across this guy, spreadeagled on the ground, his wrists and ankles tied to posts? The guys tell the cowboy, 'God, I'm glad you've come along. The Indians attacked us. They burned our house, stole our cattle and horses, killed my kids, made off with my wife and left me here to fry on the sun.' The cowboy gets down off his horse, empties the poor guy's pockets, takes off the guy's leather boots, and gets back on his horse. As he's riding away, he turns and says, 'You must really feel you're having one of those days.'

It certainly was one of those days for South Melbourne Hellas, and its bad luck stories after the game, could have filled a wild west novel.

But first, let me say that Juventus won it fair and square. Coach John Margaritis had the right tactics. Gary Ward was back at his best up front, Richard Miranda presented a fearless presence in the midfield, John Dowie was faultless and shrewd and cheeky as sweep, Billy Rogers was a tower of strength in the air and Frank Geremia emerged as an entity in his own right, rather than merely a stop-gap fill-in for Vince Bannon.

Juventus did, after all, lead 2-0 before Hellas scored four minutes before the end; Ward hit the post, and Kevin Lloyd came close with a shot that brought the best from goalkeeper Peter Laumets.

But what about those bad-luck stories?

Laurie Schwab

First, Hellas lost John Yzendoorn through injury just before half time. That meant Alan Davidson, who had been starting in midfield, had to drop back to the sweeper's position where, incidentally, he continued to star. In the second half Hellas also lost Oscar Crino, who, however, had been overshadowed by Miranda. Five minutes from the end, Davidson hit the net with a powerful drive from outside the area, which left goalkeeper Sean Keogh grasping thin air, yet the linesman flagged offside, because a Hellas forward was in advance of the Juventus defenders as Davidson took his shot.

I've written about decisions like that before. If a long-range shot like that finds its target, what's it matter if other players are offside, providing they aren't close to the goalkeeper, they are not obstructing his view and are not, in any way, interfering with play?

With Paul Lewis scoring only a minute later, that would have tied the score but on the other hand, Juventus could have been further ahead by then.

Ward, speaking after the match, said coach Margaritis had advised the team to pressure the Hellas defence, and expose goalkeeper Laumets as much as possible. Margaritis, he said, was confident that Hellas defence could be beaten.

Ward himself led the on-

slaught, scoring the first goal himself and providing the cross for the second, headed in by Kevin Swincoe despite a desperate attempt to clear it off the line.

With Charlie Egan back after suspension, and Carl Halford still seeking a transfer, Hellas fielded a three-man attack for the first time in more than a year. Egan was the most mobile of the trio, and worked hard to get something going in attack, but generally, the Juventus defence proved too difficult to pass.

Miranda, as I said earlier, was the prime midfielder due to his great strength and tireless running, despite a painful ankle injury which almost prevented him from playing, but Robbie Cullen also contributed greatly to getting Juventus forward.

Margaritis, the former Hellas coach, said afterwards he knew exactly how Hellas would play, and added that he found Hellas's style easy to read. He warned the rest of the league to beware of Juventus once Vince Bannon, Fabio Incantalupo and Paul Drinoczyk recover from injuries. Bannon and Incantalupo especially, as 'very very close' to returning to the team, and Joe Sweeney is heading back from Scotland.

But what a topsy-turvy competition so far Juventus had lost to Footscray J.U.S.T. 0-2 in previous week, yet J.U.S.T. lost 0-1 to bottom team Green Gully on the day that Juventus downed Hellas. And Canberra, the team that had beaten Hellas, has lost successive games to Blacktown and Melita Eagles.

The fact remains that Hellas has lost two of its past three games, and faces another very difficult match against mighty Sydney City Hawks this Sunday.

In front of a full house at the Olympic Park greyhound sta-

Man of the Match:

ALAN DAVIDSON
(SM-Hellas)

dium, Hellas started promisingly, with Paul Lewis laying on a square pass to Egan whose shot was saved by Sean Keogh in the 9th minute.

Crino was hurt early, in a tackle by Miranda, and then a shot by Doug Brown deflected off the back of Geremia for a corner.

Play swung to the other end, where Kevin Lloyd got away on a through ball and forced Laumets to make a one-handed save.

But Davidson and Murphy continued to push Hellas forward, and in the 35th minute, Brown should have scored. Keogh came out to smother Lewis, and the ball rolled to Brown who faced an open goal but shot too high.

John Kanesoulis replaced Yzendoorn in the 42nd minute and emerged as one of Hellas's better players for the day.

But it was Juventus that took over only nine minutes after half time. Harry Hird, a fine performer throughout the match, delivered a cross which Andrew Zinni flicked on with his head. It bounced well for Ward who belted it powerfully over Laumets, and just under the bar for the opening goal.

Four minutes later, Ward crossed the ball from the left and there was Swincoe, at the far post, to head home No. 2.

Ward continued to terrorise the Hellas defence. In a scramble, he slid onto the ball and sent it bouncing off the far post.

When Kiakos came on for Crino in the 62nd minute, the

Hellas midfield read: Kanesoulis, Kiakos, Murphy — and with inexperienced players alongside him, Murphy shouldered the brunt of the responsibility, turning in an outstanding display. Brown had another clear shot at goal in the 85th minute, on a pass from Kanesoulis, but again he was target, and shortly afterwards Lloyd, on a pass from Ward, beat Laumets with his angled shot which, however, went narrowly across goal.

Egan continued to put in honest effort for Hellas, but Keogh foiled him by pouncing at the forward's feet.

Then came that disallowed goal by Davidson, but Hellas did score only a minute later.

Murphy cut in from the left and tried an angled shot which was deflected by Keogh. Egan kept it in play right on the line, at the other side of the goal, and cut it back to Lewis who slid the ball past Keogh and the lunging defenders.

It had been the first official match between these two clubs since September 5, 1976.

The teams that day were: HELLAS: Kennedy — Batticciotto, Walker, Xanthopoulos, Hagegmanouli — Bourne, Andrews, Alexiou — Cummings, Ollerton, Armstrong.

JUVENTUS: Harby — Sabbadini, Tarquinio, Della Rocca, Pfisterer — B. Sabidussi, Marshall, Sannipoli — Vojtek, J. Lucchesi (Kokkinos), C. Lucchesi.



Juventus goalscorer Gary Ward hurdles Alan Davidson at Olympic Park. Picture: LES SHORROCK

FOUR-GOAL WINN RIPS UP CROATIA DEFENCE

Heidelberg 5 Melb. Croatia 2

Scorers: Heidelberg: Winn 24th, 47th, 51st, 88th, Patterson (pen) 65th.

Croatia: Gojevic 79th, Cumming 87th.

Venue: Olympic Village

Cautions: Patterson (H), 54th, McKie (N) 75th

Referee: Chris Bambridge

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Steve Winn, who had not scored since his transfer from Marconi, rectified the situation in style, slamming in four goals and coming close on another three occasions! The disorganised Croatia defence had no answer to his aggressive running and clinical finishing.

Perhaps this match was already decided before it commenced. For some obscure reason, Croatia decided to experiment with Sean Parton and George Hannah as central defenders, instead of sticking



Ken Kontra

to their well tried and successful combination of Parton as stopper, with Keith Adams sweeping behind him. The result was a disaster! Keith Adams is a good player and can play in midfield, but his contribution there did not compensate for the problems his absence caused in the back four.

Furthermore, I cannot comprehend why a team, with two excellent wingers, such as Biskic and Gojevic, should play mostly through the middle. Both are confident in a one versus one situation and can get behind the fullback, but their effectiveness in a deep-lying role, particularly

Man of the Match:

STEVE WINN
(Heidelberg)

that of Biskic, is questionable. Add to this Jim Campbell's disappointing performance, and you come up with a combination asking for a hiding. Heidelberg was just in the mood to oblige!

The first half was a hard-slogging affair, highlighted only by Steve Winn's opportunistic goal, when he poked home a loose ball from about three metres, following a long Mike Petersen throw-in, a great angled shot by Selemidis was palmed away by Peter Blasby, and two bad backpasses by Mike Petersen and Scot Patterson respectively both found Tommy Cumming lurking behind the Heidelberg defence, but he was denied by good goalkeeping by Jeff Oliver on both occasions.

The second half started sensationally! With just two minutes gone, Selemidis' persistency unsettled the Croatia defence following another long throw by Petersen, and the ball fell for Winn, who slotted home his second past the helpless Peter Blasby.

At this stage, Heidelberg really dominated proceedings, winning the ball in midfield and using the full width of the ground in attack.

Mike Petersen was the best midfielder on view with his captain Thro Selemidis not far behind. Scott Patterson put a lot of effort into his game and gave good support to Steve Winn who was, as they say, 'on the boil'.

A series of one-tos in the 61st minute culminated in John Gabrielson's final pass finding Steve Winn unmarked in the area, and Winn made his hat-trick with a low angled shot.

A Scott Patterson penalty a few minutes later, following Tony Carcio's handball, made the scoreline 4-0, hardly what the pundits would have predicted!

Joel Biskic was replaced by Robert M. Kovacs, Gojevic pushed forward to support David Brogan, and Tommy Cumming moved wide to escape the tight marking and aerial power of Don Macleod and Charlie Yankos.

This initiated a mini-revival for Croatia, and Gojevic scored with a well-placed angled shot and Cumming made the scoreline more respectable when he cleverly lobbed Jeff Oliver with three minutes of play left.

However, this was too little, too late, and Heidelberg's hero, Steve Winn put the nail into Croatia's coffin with an 89th minute goal from John Metaxas' lob over the square Croatia defence.

Heidelberg certainly knows how to treat visiting overseas dignitaries! Their president, Sam Gouloupoulos entertained a delegation from Melbourne's twin Greek City Salomika when they noticed their first win for the season against Brisbane Lions. This time he hosted three councillors from the famous German university town of Heidelberg, who are currently in town for the celebrations associated with their Australian namesakes. Heidelberg's 50th anniversary as a city I wonder who will be next. I am sure Sam will think of somebody important, if he feels that the team's performance is influenced by these visits!

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Canberra 1 Mel. Eagles 2

Scorers: Duarte (M) 32nd, Farrugia (M) 55th (penalty), Mihalides (C) 70th.
Venue: National Sports Centre.

Cautions: Tredinnick (M)

Ref: Peter Ramplay

Poor finishing and shaky defence cost Canberra

vital points as visitors

Melita Eagles withstood

immense late pressure to

earn their 2-1 win at the

National Sports Centre.

Twice Canberra hit the

woodwork — and even missed

a penalty.

And once more their back-

line was too easily opened up

by an enterprising Melita for-

ward line in which speedy striker

Dennis Duarte was the star.

Full marks to newcomers

Melita for stepping up from

NSW State League soccer and

moulding a team with such

good understanding and strong

commitment.

They showed that you don't

need a team of big name

players to do well.

The first half was generally

even, although perhaps

Canberra just shaded Melita in

actual goalscoring opportuni-

ties.

Twice in the first 12 minutes

Melita weathers Canberra storm



Peter Windsor

Canberra created solid

goalscoring chances.

The first saw Melita's goal-

keeper Alex McPherson go low

to save a Frank Farina shot

and in the 12th minute he could

but punch a fierce, close-range

Hilton Phillips' drive into the

air.

The ball fell onto Farina's

head although he was

caught awkwardly, the header

still bounced off the crossbar.

Sixty seconds later it was

Melita's turn and Don Allan

had a good chance when fed by

Kenny Wilson but his shot

lacked pace and was easily

saved by Frank.

Immediately Canberra at-

tacked and Farina fired across

the face of the goal and in the

22nd minute nice lead-up work

by Andrew Brockbank gave

Farina another opportunity.

Farina blasted a shot from

close-range and only acrobatic

reflexes enabled McPherson to

save and tip the ball away for a

corner.

In the 32nd minute Melita

scored a surprise, shock goal.

Man of
the Match:
ALEX MCPHERSON
(Melita Eagles)

A short squared ball found
Duarte and as the back line
moved forward the speedy
striker was left in a one-to-one
with goalkeeper Tony Frank-
en, and scored.

Gamble

That was the half-time score
and for the second half both
coaches made replacements.
On for the Arrows came Alan
Reis for Ian Gibson while Alex
Jamieson replaced John
McKie who took a bad knock
right on the half-time whistle.

Just five minutes after the
turn-around Farina's phenom-
enal speed saw him cross to
leave Alan Reis with an open
goal — but Reis' header sm-
ashed against the crossbar.

It was a costly miss.

In the 51st minute

Canberra's coach Doug Collins

gamble and brought off skip-

per Steve Bryant for John Mi-

halides.

And just after this replace-

ment Frank showed his

skills in making an incredible

save from Jamieson.

Then, in the 56th minute,

came a bout of great goal-

mouth action. Duarte's shot

Franken saved but couldn't

hold, and the rebound fell right

onto Duarte's head.

This time he didn't make a

mistake, and only a hand-

ball on the goal-line by

Canberra defender Paul

Ontong prevented the goal.

From the penalty spot Ray

Farrugia made it 2-1.

Canberra came back al-

though they looked disjointed.

However once more Farina's

talents were evident when he

lashed in a shot that was

brilliantly saved by McPherson.

In the 68th minute Canberra

got a penalty — but penalty

king Bryant was missing. Cen-

tral defender Tony Redmond

took the kick, but he shot

along the ground wide of the

post.

Ten minutes later Farina

found young replacement

Mihalides and the youngster

rounded defender Robbie

McGinn in great style before

squeezing the ball just inside

the right hand post.

Then Canberra came for-

ward with great gusto.

They tore Melita apart. Had

this been the commitment

earlier, there could have been

but one result.

But full marks to Melita's

defence for holding out and

Melita took the points.

McLachlan out, Cirkovic in?

Footscray JUST
sacked coach Bobby
McLachlan last Monday
night and Cedo Cirkovic
was expected to be ap-
pointed coach as we
went to press.

McLachlan was in his
second year as JUST
coach.

Rumor had been rife
for the past few weeks
that some JUST com-
mitteemen had been

trying to remove
McLachlan but club
president Zika Karic had

been adamant that
McLachlan should stay.

Until Monday night's
committee meeting.

Cirkovic has been the
most successful coach in
JUST's history, guiding
the club through the

1970s to championship
and cup triumphs.

Cirkovic coached Faw-
knights in 1982 and 1983
before being replaced by
Gus Macleod.



Action at Hindmarsh Stadium. From left: Steve Maxwell, George Konstandopoulos, John Panagis, Neville Flounders, Peter Rankin. Picture by FRANK HOBBS

Konstandopoulos strikes- Juventus half-baked

By FRANK PANGALLO

W.A. Hellas 2 A.C. Juventus 1

Scorers: Konstandopoulos
(39 and 47 min), Maxwell (AC)
84.

Venue: Hindmarsh Stadium.

Cautions: McGregor (WA),

Stamatopoulos (WA). B. Nys-

kohous (AC).

Referee: M. Browning 5.

Two opportunist goals

by West Adelaide Hellas

youngster George Kon-

standopoulos sank a dis-

appointing Adelaide City

Juventus at Hindmarsh

Stadium.

Konstandopoulos put Hellas

in front against the run of play

just before half time and then

strengthened his team's hold

with another immediately

after the restart.

Juventus edged closer late

in the game with a volley from

right in front by Steve Max-

well but by then it was too late.

Juventus virtually handed

its arch rivals the two points

from the beginning when it

missed sitters right in front of

goal. The chief offenders were

Joe Mullen and Rankin.

Hellas has its chances too

but it was the brilliant reflexes

of Juve's goalkeeper Willy

McNally that foiled Manecas.

Malavazos and then Kon-

standopoulos in succession in

a frenzied moment in Juve's

box.

But Konstandopoulos proved

deadly moments later with a

power-laden ground shot

through McNally's legs.

Hellas broke the deadlock

just when Juve seemed to be

getting on top.

The goal boosted Hellas's

confidence and it exposed

Juve's glaring weaknesses,

forcing it into childish errors.

Poor passing, slack marking

and little imagination when in

possession of the ball all con-

tributed to Juve's demise.

There were holes in defence

where Shillabeer and Nys-

kohous made elementary er-

rors. Juve's midfield laded

with only Melita trying to re-

trieve something, while up

front Mullen faced a lone

struggle as his ordinary team

mates were simply out-

manoeuvred or easily robbed

of the ball.

Again it was Hellas's young

players who kept up the

charge.

Malavazos always looked

menacing up front, Konstan-

dopoulos a tireless runner

and Panagis was a real nuan-

ce.

Hellas seemed to go off the

boil after scoring its second

Man of
the Match:
GEORGE
KONSTANDOPOULOS
(West Adel Hellas)

hired that one of them is
"four-star" material.
The sooner a deal is negotia-
ted, the better as Juve's sup-
porters won't tolerate this
half-baked side.

Overseas results

ENGLAND
LONDON: England beat Northern
Ireland 1-0 (half-time 0-0) in their British
Soccer Championship match at Wembley
Stadium.
Scorer: Tony Woodcock (49th min).

HOLLAND
SITTARD: Yugoslavia beat the
Netherlands 1-0 in an Olympic soccer
Group "C" qualifying match here to win a
place in the finals in Los Angeles.
Scorer: Pancey (54th minute).
Attendance: 8,800.

GROUP STANDINGS
Yugoslavia 4 1 0 14 5 9
Romania 2 2 1 6 5 6
Italy 0 3 2 6 11 3
Netherlands 0 2 3 3 8 2

YUGOSLAVIA
BELGRADE: Yugoslavia beat Scotland
3-1 after extra time (half-time 1-0,
full-time 2-1) in their European under-21
soccer championship quarter-final second
leg match here.

Scorers: Yugoslavia — Manca (10th
min), Stojkovic (62nd), Grahovac (94th).
Scotland — Johnston (50th).
Yugoslavia won 4-3 on aggregate, and
play Poland or Spain in the semi-final.

— RICKY ROSSO

Queensland blasts Arok

Queensland
Soccer Federation
president Ian Bru-
sasco has hit out at
national coach Frank
Arok over the in-
clusion of only one
Queenslander in the
40-man national
squad for the forth-
coming inter-
national series.

Brisbane Lions striker
Danny Wright was the only
Queenslander picked, de-
spite big tips for Kim Wishart,
the Brisbane City keeper who
was Terry Greedy's deputy
against England last year.

"Queensland players are not
getting a fair go at all. Danny
Wright must be a real world
champion to gain selection
under the system which was
used," Brusasco said.

"I can't understand that
four keepers could be picked
and not include Wishart who
was No. 1 Arok against
England last year. I seriously
doubt that he has even seen
how well Wishart is playing
this season."

Brusasco, a member of the
World Cup committee that
voted in Arok ahead of Les
Scheinflug a month ago, slam-
med Arok for "wasting money"
in his selection process.

"It was a waste of money
bringing all the coaches,
directors of coaching and pres-
idents together and asking
them to send recommendations
because they obviously
have not been used. It con-
stitutes a mockery and a sham
of the selection process."
Eleven recommendations

went from Queensland to Arok
last week — five from State
coach Bruce Stowell and six
from City's Joe Gilroy.

Both coaches were dumb-
founded by the exclusion of
Wishart.

"The only way Queensland
can prove a point to Australia,
Arok and his assistants is to
give NSW a hiding when we
play them at Perry Park on
April 29.

"There will be a lot of
players out there with a point
to prove," Brusasco said.

"It seems strange that we
can win youth tournaments
and get players in national
youth teams but once they get
older they suddenly get bad,
according to southern coaches."

"We have always got a bad
deal in the past and we have
got it again. And it is not only

in relation to the playing
squad.

"Queensland has got all the
unattractive games in the
international series yet we
outdraw Victoria for the En-
gland game last year. They
have got Manchester United
against Nottingham Forest
and we get Australia B against
Irkalis," he said.

— RICKY ROSSO

Game on, then off

In probably the best decision
by a Queensland referee in a
long time, Alan Kibbler stopped
the Derby between Brisbane
City and Lions after only eight
minutes when near cyclonic
conditions turned the match
into a farce.

Brisbane had been soaked all weekend by
torrential rain and battered by 20 knot winds,
but Kibbler declared the ground playable an
hour before the kick-off when the weather
finally appeared to be abating.

But in the minutes leading up to the kick-off
another storm hit Spencer Park and fierce
rain turned the ground into a swamp.
Players from both teams tried desperately
hard to string passes together but their at-
tempts were continually thwarted as the ball
stopped dead or skidded out of control.
It seemed only a matter of time before
someone would be seriously hurt.

Kibbler waited for as long as he could,
hoping the conditions would ease, but under
prompting from both captains called a halt
after eight minutes and 33 seconds.

Neither coach had any complaints over
the stoppage and the match now will be replayed
at Spencer Park tonight (Wednesday).

— RICKY ROSSO

Canberra 'imports' ref

All season — and part of 1983
— visiting NSL teams com-
plained about the standard of
refereeing from Canberra refer-
ees.

Constantly there was criticism of home
town decisions.

And certainly, on more than one occasion,
the number of yellow and red cards — and
other refereeing decisions — brought justifi-
able criticism.

On Sunday the NSL finally acted. The refer-
ee was brought from Sydney.

And that man, Peter Ramplay, had a partic

TUT, TUT JOE RIZZOTTO; APIA CRUSHES MARCONI

**Marconi 1
APIA 3**

Venue: Marconi Stadium.
Scorers: Tredinnick 7th, Sharpe 21st, Gray 45th, Bradley 63rd.

Cautions: Rizzotto, Carrizo (M), De Ceglie (AL).

Marconi is in all sorts of strife!

Following its 2-2 draw with league newcomers Mella, the Fairfield side went down against APIA. Leichhardt without even offering a token resistance. The 3-1 scoreline flattered the home team after APIA wasted heaps of chances during its second half onslaught.

John Bradley scored one but could have had a bagful had he had his shooting boots on. In fact he had his first chance as late as the 53rd but then a procession of opportunities came



Alex Vesic

his way. In the 65th and 89th it looked curtains for James but Bradley managed to miss.

Kerry Caban had as many opportunities while De Ceglie had a couple and Tony Monsello also missed an easy one.

Had only half of these chances gone in we would have had a riot at Marconi. As it was, the home side was only well beaten.

after being sent off in the 63rd minute.

Raul Carrizo, also an early recipient of a yellow card, appeared to have brought down Ian Gray with an over zealous tackle and the referee, Tim Davies, pulled out a red card indicating dismissal. However it was Rizzotto who got his marching orders and not Carrizo, apparently for dissent(?).

Rizzotto is a very talented young player and was invited to train with Fiorentina (of Italian First Division fame). He spent four weeks in Florence and received rave notices from the local press. His return to Australian soccer, was greeted by yellow cards, averaging almost a caution per game!

At the time of his dismissal the score was 2-1 and anything could have happened. Follow-

**Man of the Match:
MARK BROWN
(APIA)**

ing his departure APIA steam-rolled Marconi.

APIA had its own star full-back on show. He was Mark Brown and he was in superb form. He kept Peter Sharpe in check and made dangerous raids down the line. He is fast and aggressive. He can play good soccer too.

APIA scored its first goal following Peter Tredinnick. He picked up a clearance by the Marconi defence on the edge of the area and slammed it back past James from 18 metres.

Sharpe replied in the 21st,

but Ian Gray restored APIA's lead on the stroke of half time.

Bradley made his mark after a shot by Gray was dropped by James in the 63rd.

Marconi had its trials in McCulloch, Djordjevic and James of course, but very little could be said for the rest. Tony Henderson played well in the backline but floundered in the middle, while David Lowe and Rod Brown could not match their opponents. Sharpe was in fine touch during the first period but was totally starved of the ball during the second. John Spanos failed to produce the goods and was replaced early.

APIA must feel well satisfied with this win. Not with the result, but the way it was achieved. Speed, tenacity, skill all was there, but no shooting power to match.



Peter Katholos — two goals

**Katholos
proves
them
all wrong**

**Olympic 2
Penrith 0**

Scorers: Katholos 49', 88'.
Venue: Pratten Park.
Goal: 3157.
Cautions: Cross, Witherspoon, Lindsay.
Referee: Gary Power 7.
Over 3000 loyal Olympic supporters braved threat-

**Overseas
results**

AUSTRIA
GAK 2 Vost Linz 1; Admira Wacker 1 SWW Innsbruck 1; Lask 2 Neusiedl 0; Eisenstadt 2 Austria Klagenfurt 2; Rapid Vienna 4 Austria Vienna 1; SV St. Veit 1 Austria Salzburg 0; Favoritner AC 3 Sturm Graz 1.
LEADING STANDINGS
Austria Vienna 14 4 3 56 19 32
Rapid Vienna 13 6 2 47 16 32
Lask 12 5 4 38 21 29
Sturm Graz 12 4 5 41 28 28
SWW Innsbruck 7 10 4 35 23 24

HOLLAND
Den Bosch 2 Willem II Tilburg 0; PEC Zwolle 1 Utrecht 2; Volendam 2 DSV '79 Dordrecht 0; Helmond Sport 2 Sparta Rotterdam 3; Fortuna Sittard 2 Excelsior Rotterdam 0; Feyenoord Rotterdam 5 Roda JC Kerkrade 2; Haarlem 0 PSV Eindhoven 0; Groningen 6 AZ 67 Alkmaar 2; Ajax Amsterdam 3 GA Eagles Deventer 1.
Feyenoord R'dam 20 6 2 81-30 46
PSV Eindhoven 19 6 3 76-25 44
Ajax Amsterdam 19 5 4 84-27 43
Sparta Rotterdam 11 11 6 65-47 33
Haarlem 11 11 6 47-41 33
Roda JC Kerkrade 12 8 0 50-44 32

LIBERTADORES
BARRANQUILLA, Colombia. Santos of Brazil beat Atletico Junior of Colombia 3-0 to collect their first points in Group Three of Libertadores Cup, the South American soccer championship.
Santos Goals were scored by Tatinho Carlos in the sixth minute, Lino (48) and Camargo (81).
Flamengo of Brazil head the group standings with five points. America of Colombia have three, Santos two and Atletico Junior none.

TRIUNFO Peru's Peruvian champions Sporting Cristal beat Portuguese of Venezuela 2-1 (halftime 2-0) in a Group Five qualifying match.

QUITO Ecuador's Nueva de Occidente and Danubio of Uruguay drew 2-2 in a Libertadores Cup group four soccer match.

In another group four match, Ecuador's Nacional beat Uruguayan champions Nacional 3-1.

ITALY
BOLOGNA: Italian side Juventus was held to a 0-0 draw in a friendly international match against the Toronto Blizzard of Canada.
Juventus will play Manchester United in the first leg of the European Cup Winners Cup semi-final on April 11 and then play a vital league match against A.S. Roma four days later.
BRESCIA: Italy's best Albania 1-0 (halftime 1-0) in their European under-21 soccer championship quarter-final match here.
Score: — Vignola (33rd min). Italy win 2-0 on aggregate, and meet defending champions England in the semi-final.



Mick Mikolajczyk

**Man of the Match:
PETER KATHOLOS
(Syd. Olympic)**

ening skies and biting gale force winds to see their idols struggle to subdue the quick tackling and close marking Penrith side.

The difficult conditions dictated obvious tactics. Whoever had the wind at their backs needed to score at least two goals to be confident of coming away with the points from this encounter.

This, Penrith failed to do in the first half and surrendered both points to Olympic which managed to find the net twice.

Initially, Olympic not only contained the mountain-men but also forced keeper Peter Freeman to pull off three excellent saves to keep his side in the game at half time.

Furthermore, Olympic's attack considerably was weakened as striker Marshall Soper was totally blotted out by giant stopper Dave McIntosh who came out on top after a series of fiery clashes.

The second half was only four minutes old when Olympic exploited a huge gap in Penrith's defence.

Peter Katholos was absolutely free eight metres from goal to accept an intelligent pass from Peter Raskopoulos to angle the ball in by the far post past Peter Freeman.

This was Penrith's only major defensive blunder in a display which saw it get back quickly in numbers to wrap a blanket of brown defenders around the foraging whites.

The goal stung the "Westerners" into offence but apart from a few chaotic situations in front stopper Gary Meier's goal they remained scoreless.

Roy Cotton, working hard in attack and defence, should have scored at least once and what a difference that would have made to the game.

As it turned out, the longer the match went on the firmer was the Olympic grasp on both points and it was only two minutes from time when Katholos scored his second.

**Geo Cross 0
Makedonia 2**

Scorers: Campbell 9m, Opasins 73m.

Referee: Sam Zoumas 7.

Cautions: McGorian, MacLaren.

The two coaches took vastly different point of views of this match whose result kept Makedonia well in touch with the leaders and sank George Cross to the bottom of the National Conference table.

Makedonia's Peter Ollerton felt that though his side has yet to hit its straps the result was never in doubt after hitting the front within nine minutes of the start.

"They (Cross) put us under a bit of pressure in the first half and had a couple of break-aways in the second half but I thought we were never in any danger of losing this game."

"I'm pleased with the result — after all the best you can do is win and you should be happy with that sort of result. It doesn't matter how it is achieved."

"Performance-wise we're still playing below our

**Smurgrevski
available**

Danny Smurgrevski, the Footscray J.U.S.T. control defender, is available for transfer.

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LJUBE PETROVSKI
(Makedonia)**

capabilities but that will come once the new players are given a little bit more time to settle.

"The ground condition is bad and George Cross must be dreaming if they are looking for wins on this park."

Steve Potter echoed Ollerton's sentiments on the surface and said it was diabolical in one penalty area which is covered with sand.

Cross coach Tommy Traynor on the other hand lamented about the bad luck that is haunting his side and blamed only that and the side's lack of experience for the failure to get a result.

"There is no way Makedonia's was a better side than us out there but they have the experience to sit there and take their chances when they come."

"We have to battle really hard all day but we're not having any luck, especially in front of goal."

"It's disappointing and frustrating because all the team needs is a good win to boost confidence."

"We're not playing as badly as our position would indicate. We knew it would be hard when we decided to go in this league but there has not been any team that has gone out and hammered us for anyone to say that we're not good enough to compete."

The three clear-cut scoring chances that Cross created were in fact easy to put away

but when it's all said and done it was Makedonia which did all the forcing and its chances far outnumbered Georgies' efforts.

George Campbell put the side ahead after only nine minutes, scrambling the ball over the line in a crowded goal-mouth following a cross from the right by Ljube Petrovski.

Petrovski turned out to be the man of the match, tackling his defensive job well and probing the Cross weakness down the right flank at every opportunity.

He had two attempts at goal and was unlucky with the second, hitting the side netting after the ball had been laid in his path by Zoran Ilioski.

On top of that Makedonia hit the framework twice through Campbell in the 51st minute

with a header at the far post following a Graham Heys cross from the left and through Gary Cole a minute later with a shot that rebounded off the bar from another Heys centre.

Zarko Odzakovic showed glimpses of his real form and just before half time was unlucky with a dipping shot which beat the keeper but went narrowly over the bar.

In the end it was left to Gon Opasins to put the seal on the win with a somewhat lucky goal in the 73rd minute when his shot from 25 yards took a wicked bounce in the box to completely deceive Alan Conliff and end up in the net.

The Cross chances fell to Don MacLaren sidefooted the ball wide with an open goal-mouth gaping at him.

Then there was Ossie Latif,



Peter Desira

who came on despite an injury and the after-effects of flu, to break clear onto a great through ball from Slobodan Jovanovic only to trip over the ball as he raced into the box with only the keeper to beat.

In the final minute it was John Campbell's turn beating Potter with his shot from the left only to see the ball go the wrong side of the far post.

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Sydney Croatia

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BY ALEX VESIC

NSL newcomer Sydney Croatia long will remember its fight to preserve its name. For years, this club played in the NSW State League simply because its entry into the National League was barred by its unwillingness to change its name.

In search of a new formula for success, the NSL hierarchy eased its regulations last year and in 1984, Sydney Croatia is vying with the best in the land for the title of Australian soccer champion.

In this ever changing world there is one thing that seldom changes — national pride. Sydney Croatia, formed by Croatian migrants, has given many a new settler from the old country his first shelter and a warm blanket in the new land.

This has been the basis of Croatia's large support, giving many migrants something to cheer about at least once a week. And had the name of this proud club vanished it is certain that Croatia's support would have dwindled.

And while the older Croats worked hard to build their own sports centre and clubhouse at King Tomislav Park in Fairfield, the youngsters wore Croatia's traditional tri-colours in search of the quality of football their parents had grown so accustomed to watching.

The Kovacic brothers, Tomislav, Vidale, Bero, Savor, Tolic, Basic, Karic and many others already have shown that they are capable of making their own in the best footballing competition in Australia — the NSL.

Most of the younger players were born in Australia, "dinky di", you might say, but tradition does not easily with most of them still very much an integral part of the Croatian community.

It is important to note that most of Croatia's playing staff has been with the club for many years — a sign of stability as well as loyalty. When Marjan Kovacic discussed his financial situation with the club at the start of the season last two options

ABONYI AT THE HELM



Sydney Croatia coach Attila Abonyi is one of the greatest ever players produced in Australia. He's the all-time top scorer for the national team, netting 38 times for his country, 25 times in full internationals.

Abonyi played his first match for Australia in the last of the three-game series against Scotland in 1967. Abonyi's last match for Australia was in 1977, against Iran in Tehran. In all, Abonyi wore the green and gold on 49 occasions.

He did it not best for business, but for his country and his teammates. Abonyi's little double that today, Abonyi would stand tall as Australia's most capped player.

Abonyi, who came to Melbourne from Hungary at the age of 10, started his soccer career with the under-13 and under-14 soccer teams of St Kilda.

He made his senior debut with Melbourne-Hungaria at the age of 15 and stayed with the club until he joined St

George Budapest at the start of the 1969 season. It was with St. George that Abonyi rounded off his impressive all-time record of 38 goals for his club when he transferred to the Sydney Croatia at the start of the 1977 season.

This is Abonyi's second stint with Croatia. He was appointed earlier this year after coaching Canberra Arrows last season. Before being appointed at Canberra he had coached the now defunct Riverwood in the NSW State League.

Abonyi's representative career started at junior level in Victoria. He was selected in that state's under-14, under-16 and under-18 teams. He was the springboard to a career as an amazing success story that Attila Abonyi has written.

There was and remains, one of the most highly respected figures in Australian soccer, a fact recognised recently by national team coach Frank Arkell, who appointed Abonyi as one of his assistants.

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Which disciple will take over from Arok?

St. George boss Frank Arok could be forgiven for exclaiming now and then that "It's a small world." Five of his former St. George players are now connected with other NSL clubs.

Four of them work as coaches: Attila Abonyi (Melbourne), Manfred Schaefer (Olympic), Adrian Alston (Wollongong) and Casey de Bruin (Blacktown).

A fifth, John Warren, is involved with Canberra on the promotion side.

The present peace and harmony among the former Saints' stars is largely the handwork of Arok himself, a master of diplomacy

and statesmanship. But it wasn't always like that. At the end of 1972, when Arok returned home to Yugoslavia following his second sojourn here, he and Warren were not even on speaking terms.

John Warren later became the club manager and chief coach with Schaefer as his assistant.

Later again, when Warren was allowed to resign and leave, Schaefer took over. This brought

about one of the most bitter feuds in Sydney soccer between the two former friends and colleagues. It lasted some years.

But the chain reaction continued. Manfred Schaefer is still being blamed by some Saints fans for allowing star striker Attila Abonyi to leave, following some clumsily-handled contract negotiations.

The result was Abonyi's switch to Croatia — and a rift between old friends Schaefer and Abonyi.

THE ANDREW DETTRE COLUMN

Now it's all love and peace. Warren, Schaefer, Abonyi, plus Arok are all the greatest of pals. In fact, should Frank Arok one

day pack his bags and go back to Yugoslavia, one of his former star pupils is certain to take over. But which one?

Warren and Schaefer have been in charge — so perhaps it would be the turn of Abonyi.

Mind you, this may not happen for years; Frank Arok is not in a hurry to leave.

Whatever sins Sydney City may or may not have — hats off to them for being the first NSL club to appear in a truly different alternate strip: yellow shirts and dark blue shorts.

For too long now our clubs have been using 'alternate'

colors which represent hardly any departure from the original. For example: blue and white becomes white and blue.

Now, we understand, the NSL will insist that the alternate strips be fundamentally different from the basic colors.

And while they are at it, they may have a quiet word with Marconi, too.

For some reason, Marconi has decided to use red numbers on its green shirts — almost totally invisible on TV.

It's these little thoughtless actions that are really easy to avoid — and should be avoided unless clubs set out to irritate their fans deliberately.

Avala rocketed by Ilinden!

Rockdale Ilinden is the surprise leader in the NSW State League after defeating Avala at Knight Park. Avala's slender lead at half time turned into a five goal deficit during Rockdale's second half rampage with Terry Jones bagging a hat-trick and charging to the top of

the State League sharpshooters' list.

Inter-Monaro registered a second successive win but was less impressive than in its previous game against Auburn. In fact, the scoreline flattered the visitors from the A.C.T. as Sutherland failed to convert its superiority into goals and was beaten from the penalty spot.

Canterbury is in third place with Manly Warringah fourth. And while



NSW State League with ALEX VESIC

Canterbury showed plenty of life during its match against Polonia and was unlucky not to win by a huge margin. Manly struggled against Auburn and was lucky to collect two points in the dying stages of the game, ironically, through Mark Holloway, an ex-Auburn player. Bankstown-National de-

molished Kuringai, while Warringah and Yugal had seven goals to show for their efforts at Narabeen Sports Centre with Warringah emerging victors well into the time added period.

Avala 1 Rockdale 6

Scorers: Milne (A), T. Jones (3), Natsvski, Trajanovski, R. Brown (R).

AVALA: Thurlow, — Lucchesi, McKenzia, Vujinovic (sent off 60'), Burton, Kodor, D. Brown (sent off 87'), Duvnjak (88' Fernandez) — Burrows, Bateman, Milne. ROCKDALE: Polla, Butcher, Plovsky, Wilson, Slavski — Jones, Yousaph, Natsvski — Ristovski (R. Brown 25'), Trajanovski, Katsvili (sent off 87').

Avala and Rockdale looked poised for a tight match as Avala went into the dressing rooms at half time leading by a single goal, scored by its enterprising striker, Gary Milne.

But soon after the interval Rockdale had its opponent in trouble. Terry Jones lobbed Thurlow to equal the scores in the 55th, then a hard shot by Vince Natsvski beat the Avala keeper three minutes later.

Despite Rockdale's lead, the game still looked fairly tight. Then, inexplicably, Vujinovic got into the act, clashed with Butcher, and was sent off.

From then on, Rockdale assumed the upper hand and never looked back scoring four more goals.

Almost immediately after the send-off, Lucchesi brought down Karanfilovski inside the area and Terry Jones made it 2-1 from the resultant penalty. Six minutes later it was Karanfilovski who made the break before crossing for Ross Brown to volley home goal No 4.

Ken Slavski was brought down by Don Brown inside the area and yet another penalty by Jones found its way into the net.

Terry Jones weaved his way through two tackles before crossing for Trajanovski to notch the final goal for Rockdale.

W. Narrabeen 4 Yugal 3

Scorers: Bullock 2, Sandtner, Hanley (W), Thaminides, Clarke, McGrath (Y).

WARRABEEN: P. Dean, Sarge, Collings, Yanning, Hiscoc, Hanley, Taylor, Sandtner, Bullock (Earl), Rimmer (McDonald), A. Dean. YUGAL: Gishmore, Goble, Gibson, Forester, Clarke, Pakor, Turbuluk (McGrath), Zivkovic, Rododera, Thaminides, Tanovsk.

Yugal trailed all day and in the end almost got a point on a waterlogged pitch at Narabeen Fitness Centre. In fact Narabeen scored its winning goal in the 96th minute!

Narabeen went into an early two goal lead through its enterprising forward Bill Bullock (ex-St George) and looked set to score an easy win. But Yugal came back at the start of the second half firing on all cylinders to score through Chris Thaminides and John Clarke to make it 2-2.

Warringah surged ahead through Chris Hanley but Yugal pegged it back through Dennis McGrath.

When it looked like a certain draw, in came Gary Sandtner with the decider.

Seven goals and great action in an absolute quagmire, certainly was deserving prize for 22 players who met battle at the Fitness Centre. In fact, the downpour which started at 11am looked certain to cause a postponement but in the end it was decided that the match would go on.

John Wignall, the coach of Warringah, was satisfied with his team's performance and hopes for a further improvement this week against Canterbury.

Round 2		
Avala-Rockdale 1-6, Milne (A), Jones 3, Brown, Trajanovski, Natsvski (R)		
Warringah-Yugal 4-3, Bullock 2, Sandtner, Hanley (W), Thaminides, Clarke, McGrath (Y)		
Auburn-Manly 5-1, Holloway, Sutherland 1st 6-1, Wilson Pen, Canterbury 1-2, Sobczyk (P), Petas, Duvnjak (C)		
Bankstown-Kuringai 4-1, El Hosseini, Dehnan, Manly Pen, Hocking 2 (H), Hilly (R)		

STANDINGS	FA Pts
ROCKDALE ILINDEN	10-2 4
INTER MONARO	4-1 4
CANTERBURY MARRICK	4-3 3
MANLY WARRINGAH	2-1 3
BANKSTOWN NATIONAL	4-3 2

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Sutherland 0 Inter Monaro 1

Scorers: B. Wilcox Pen 37'.

SUTHERLAND: Dart-Hesford, Schumann, Dallone, Terry-Johnson (P), Hargrave, Stoddart, Rogers-Groome, Webber, Cooper. INTER MONARO: Hocking, Demastovic, Charles, Sandtner, Francis-Wilson, Montecaso, Ambrosino (Papovic)-Brennan, Valeri, Giampolo.

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However, for most of the match it was Sutherland who dictated terms with chances going begging.

Mitch Hesford hit the post, then Jimmy Webber sent his shot well over the bar during the first period and the rest of the side followed suit. Michael Hocking, in goal for Inter Monaro, was in fine form, but the same could be said for the youngster at the other end, Paul Dart.

John Stoddart with his first performance for Sutherland, showed once again what a fine player he is, while Monaro's heavy artillery — Valeri, Brennan and Giampolo — failed to impress. Much was expected from Valeri and Brennan, the two players who did well last week but playing away from Canberra the Monaro side

Polonia	3-2 2
Sutherland	2-1 2
Warringah	5-1 2
Narabeen	2-7 2
Kuringai	3-6 1
Avala	2-7 1
Yugal	3-6 0
Auburn	1-4 0

THIS WEEK	Saturday, 10 June Stadium: Inter Monaro-Kuringai
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Scorers: 25' Duvnjak, 55' Petas (C) 83' Sobczyk (P).

POLONIA: Barker — Collusso, Henafi, Golas, Vandenberg, — Forsythe, I. Garwolski, Nawek (Thomas 45'). CANTERBURY: El Zein — Antonopoulos, Lwiza, Haritidis, Mhokovic, Anagnostopoulos, Philippou, Fernandes — Petas, Duvnjak (85' Blason), Jovanidis (73' Hajitot).

Canterbury registered its first win of the season but must improve its finishing if it's to challenge for the top four.

Duvnjak and Petas, two very talented players, and the scorers of Canterbury's goals must have given their coach, John Xipolitakis, some heartache during this match.

Between them the two strikers managed to waste no less than half a dozen opportunities. Louis Duvnjak was in great form and was a constant menace to Polonia as was John Petas and one gets the impression that when these two put their shooting boots on soon one is going to be in for a hammering.

Duvnjak was at his best in the 25th minute to put his side ahead, with his mate Petas scoring 10 minutes after the interval to seal the match, but Polonia never gave up and almost came up with a point.

Henjek Sobczyk failed to score from a penalty when the score was 1-0 to Canterbury. Ali El Zein showed his acrobatic prowess to effect a great save. Sobczyk made amends for his miss with a well taken goal in the 83rd which only added to Polonia's woes. Just three minutes earlier, Irek Garwolski, Polonia's best player, had missed an open goal!

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It now is painfully obvious that Polonia is in for a bad season unless better players are found. And quickly the departure of Sigmund Garwolski and three defenders in the off-season has left its defence in tatters, while Sobczyk has only Lumsdaine to help him up front. In fact, ex-Blacktown player Lumsdaine was a sub and after replacing Divani turned out to be Polonia's star performer.

As for the Berries it's all systems go. Fernandes, Philippou, Petas, Duvnjak and the ever safe hands of Ali El Zein will give Sutherland and Inter Monaro, the two early favorites for the title, something to worry about.

Bankstown 4 Kuringai 1

Scorers: 9' El Hosseini (R) 13' Mortlock (G) 31' Dutton (B) 72' Jeffery (K) 85' Meenabhai Pen (B).

BANKSTOWN-NATIONAL: Giffin — Kennedy, Agostino, Meenabhai, Cootes — Dutton, Park, Blackman — Hennes (Hammond 81), Hennis, Hosseini (64' Hennis).

KURINGAI: Lacey — Ings, Mortlock, Watson, Martin (Guisley 70') — Tracey, Bourke (40' Jeffery), Barrow, Dene — Fenton, Search.

Bankstown played fast and furious football in the opening stanza to shatter any hopes Kuringai might have had of getting a point.

As El Hosseini thunderbolt in the opening minutes of the match suggested that Lacey was going to be in for a torrid afternoon. Lacey managed to pull off a great save but he couldn't do much about Hosseini's shot in the 9th minute.

A bad back pass by Tracey found Hosseini on the bye line. A quick lob followed and Lacey had no chance of stopping it.

Four minutes later a free kick from Parker appeared to have struck Gavin Mortlock to deceive Lacey for No 2.

Kuringai's keeper made yet another superb save from Hosseini in the 24th, before capitulating again. El Hosseini provided the space work and Phil Dutton had the simplest of tasks to score.

The home side appeared to cruise in the second period and allowed Kuringai back into the match. Allan Jeffery made it 3-1 after 72 minutes following a good solo effort, but with five minutes to go Kuringai restored its three goal lead after a fine move by Phil Dutton. Gavin Mortlock pulled Dutton down inside the box and Jamal Meenabhai made it 4-1 from the resultant penalty.

The result of this match never was in doubt and only served notice that Bankstown-National is not going to be a pushover in '94.

El Hosseini was outstanding as was Parker and Meenabhai, while Kuringai could not boast about very many things with Tracey and Bourke very sluggish indeed.



The rise of Iraklis and demise of Newcastle

One of the teams invited to take part in our international series in May-June, along with Manchester United, Glasgow Rangers and perhaps Juventus, is the new glamor club of Greek soccer, Iraklis.

Currently second on the ladder, behind Panathinaikos, Iraklis has scored 40 goals in 45 games — only one less than the leader.

Among the great players at Iraklis is Vasilis Hatippanis, featured on the front page of "Soccer Action" last week. He is the enigma of Greek football. Having learned the game in the USSR, he combines discipline and quick thinking with creativity — which is not common in Greek players.

He's certainly a crowd-puller, so I'm sure all enthusiasts of good soccer will go out of their way to see him here. Another Iraklis player who comes to mind is Lakis Palapanou, who has played 18 games for Greece and is a current international.

A fine midfielder, he was at one stage sought by Borussia Moenchengladbach, and he plays an important role in the make-up of the Iraklis side.

Iraklis itself plays open, creative and skilful soccer when going forward, and is very disciplined in defence, which is evident from the fact that it has conceded only 16 goals so far.

Expert sources say Iraklis plays the best brand of soccer in Greece, so let's hope the team produces all its skills here in Australia.

Style let KB down

On the local scene, it's sad to see Newcastle KB United bowing out of NSL soccer.

Sure, they had a few debits, but more important, I believe the club's bosses couldn't see the situation getting any better. The crowds simply weren't coming along to see KB play, the way they did in previous years. Remember that game against Sydney Olympic, which drew about 15,000 fans?

In those days, KB United boasted players like Ken Boden, Peter Trednick, Graham Itneys, Cal Urran, Paul Reaney and Roy Drinkwater, and they provided the type of soccer the fans relish.



Danny Moulis (right), in action against former South Melbourne Hellas striker Steve Woodin.

Why, Boden at his best pulled in 3000 people on his own!

These days, however, there are no big personalities to draw the crowds.

From an average attendance of about 7000 during the good days, KB's crowd slumped to about 2000, if that.

Newcastle has had some good results and achieved respectable positions on the table, but its play degenerated into a hard, dull, utilitarian style which just didn't appeal.

Let's hope that under the Adamstown Rosebud banner, Newcastle soccer again comes to the fore in the NSL.

Welcome back Danny Moulis

Good to see Danny Moulis back in training with Canberra, after having recovered from his serious knee injury.

That injury occurred in the opening round of 1982. I remember it vividly, as he was about to pass the ball to me. He's a great full back, with lots of speed and strength, and he's not afraid to go forward.

His 1981 form, under Tommy Docherty, made him in my view, one of the best attacking full backs in the country.

Knowing Danny's dedication and will-power, I'm sure he'll make every effort to climb back to the top.

Good luck, Danny.

Test for new NSL

The success of the new NSL format will be tested, crowd-wise, in the first inter-conference challenge round at the weekend.

The top matches, in my view, are: South Melbourne Hellas v. Sydney City Hakohai at Middle Park, Sydney Olympic v. Melbourne Croatia at Pratten Park, Heidelberg-Alexander v. Canberra Arrows at Olympic Village and Adelaide City Juventus v. St. George Budapest at Olympic Sports Field.

But the match of the round surely must be Hellas v. Hakohai, and my tip is Hellas to win, in front of a bumper crowd.

Olympic will have a hard game against Melbourne Croatia, which boasts fine players in Tommy Cunningham, Jimmy Campbell and the two wingers, Josip Biskic and Steve Goejovic, about whom I've heard rave reports. This game also will draw a big crowd, with Olympic coming out on top — naturally!

Overseas scores

GREECE	
Iraklis 2 AEK 1; Duxa 2 Panionios 0; Egaleo 0 Olympiakos 2; Ofi 1 Aris 0; Apollon Kalamarias 6 PAOK 0; Ethnikos 0 Panathinaikos 1; PAOK 2 Larissa 2; Apollon Athens 2 Yaniaos 0.	Real Sociedad 1 Sevilla 0; Valen- ciassa 0; Malaga 2 Real Mallorca 0; Real Betis 2 Athletic Bilbao 0; Madrid 3 Real Murcia 2; Real Valle- cano 2 Sporting 0.

TASMANIAN SCENE

with Walter Ploss

Cook signs



● Nick Cook at training with his new club, Olympia-WPL... fit, keen and heading in the right direction.

Olympic-WPL has signed Nick Cook on a three year contract

It is Cook's second spell with the Greek club, his first having lasted a mere three matches.

Cook played with Rapid last season and with Taroon-St Mirren in this year's Michael The Tailor Summer Cup tournament.

He was sent off in his first match for Taroon, something which is becoming almost traditional for Cook, but he is determined to maintain his self-discipline while playing for Olympia.

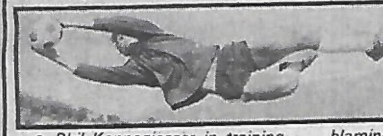
Coach Otto Klaus is hoping that Cook's experience will benefit the team and he is expecting big things from the controversial Englishman.

Klaus is hopeful that Cook will be able to plug the gap left in the side by Ronnie Bolton's surprise retirement this week. Bolton failed to turn up for Olympia's recent cup clash with Juventus-Pioneer.

Olympia-WPL has also signed the former University captain, Keith Broadhouse. Keith is the elder brother of Juventus star, John Broadhouse.



Olympia-WPL players show off their new kit, back row from left: Otto Klaus (coach), Padas, Nikitaris, Paul George (WPL executive). Front row: Paplos, Sherman (capt.).



● Phil Kannegiesser in training... blaming himself for Pace's opening goal for Juventus against Rapid in the Cup final.

FOOLED YOU!

April Fool's Day played some terrible jokes on goalkeepers and defenders in the two sectional cup finals of southern Tasmania's Michael The Tailor Summer Cup competition.

Two penalties (conceded by goalkeepers who are brothers and who each played one half of the cup final for White Eagles), and own-goal, two bad goalkeeping errors and a serious defensive blunder were the order of the day as Juventus-Pioneer and Hobart City-Azzuri took out the Cadbury League and Rothmans League sections, respectively, of the Summer Cup.

Juventus took an 11th minute lead against Rapid when Sergio Pace's low shot, following a Di Felice cross, sneaked under Phil Kannegiesser's diving body.

Kannegiesser was obviously upset by his error but his defence was to blame for Bruce Ward's goal in the 70th minute which gave Juventus a 2-1 win.

Rapid should have cleared its lines but decided to pass the ball around in the penalty area while under pressure.

When John Dilba finally did clear, the ball only reached



Simon Templeman... scored for White Eagles in the Cup final against Hobart City.

Tommy Wilson on the edge of the penalty area and he misused his back-pass to Kannegiesser, allowing Ward to intercept and round the 'keeper to score.

Rapid's goal came in the 57th minute when Steve Craven fumbled Danny Donohue's crisp shot, allowing Thomas to drive the ball home at the far post. The goal meant that Neil Thomas has now scored in three consecutive Summer Cup finals, having been on the winning team (Croatia-Glenorchy) in the past two seasons.

White Eagles had all the chances against Hobart City but lost 1-3 after missing a penalty and conceding an own-goal.

Kim Barker, the Rothmans League section top scorer — Juventus' Bruce Ward won the Cadbury League section award — shot straight at 'keeper Brighella in the 26th minute following a penalty for 'hand-ball'.

A minute later and it was a penalty at the other end when Paul Jones floored Gilbert Steenhuis as the striker tried to round him in pursuit of the ball which, ironically, was on its way out of play for a goalkick.

Sorgi slammed the penalty against a post but the alert Maxwell was smart enough to tuck away the rebound and save City from embarrassment.

In the second half, Paul's brother Craig, who had replaced him in goal at the interval, needlessly brought down Maxwell to concede his side's second penalty. Pignola took the kick this time and made no mistake.

The final ignominy for Eagles came 10 minutes from time when full back Lawler turned Cengia's cross into his own net.

The Italian celebrations at the end of the day rivalled those of 1982 following Italy's World Cup victory. After all, it's not every day that two Italian sides win a cup final!



CASEY DeBRUIN, coach, 37, born in Rotterdam, Holland and played NSW First Division for St George.



ROBERT WHEATLEY, full back, 22. Played for Australia at youth and senior levels. Was a State schoolboy rep previously.



CHRIS DUNLEAVY, centre back, 31, won English Fourth Division title with Southampton and played in the U.S. with Philadelphia, which won the NASL championship. Joined Blacktown from Wollongong.



JOHN STODDART, midfielder, 35, capped for Edinburgh schoolboys; played and captained NSW. Formerly of St George Budapest and Melita Eagles.



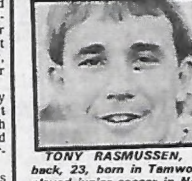
ADAM SANDY, forward, 25, played 100 English League games for Northampton Town before joining Blacktown recently.



BARRY HOARE, goalkeeper, 25, started with the Pendle Hill junior club, represented Australian schoolboys, played for NSW in a 2-2 draw with Queensland in 1978.



JOHN LARKIN, striker, 21, born in England but started with the Pendle Hill Tigers Juniors in Sydney.



TONY RASMUSSEN, full back, 23, born in Tasman, played junior soccer in Newcastle, was in NSW under 15 and under 15 State teams.



BRETT THORNTHWAITE, forward, 18, represented NSW from under 12 to under 18.

Westad, Canberra, Blacktown: beating the odds!



CANBERRA ARROWS, from left, top row: Roy Thompson (assistant coach), Andrew Brockbank, Doug Collins (coach), Paul Ontong, John Mihailidis, Derek Robinson (trainer). Middle row: Tom Sermanni, Alan Reis, Hilton Phillips, Roy Jones, Tony Franken, Marko Perinovic, Andrew Young, Ray Junna. Front row: Steve Hogg, Tony Redmond, Steve Bryant, Chris Hummel, Jim Murray, Michael Barnett, Frank Farina.



WEST ADELAIDE HELLAS, from left, standing: Nick Malavasos, Markopoulos (reserve), Gary Sproul, Graham Honeyman, Tim Brown, Steve Papadopoulos. Front: Steve Atsalas, John Papazoglou, Theo Stametopoulos, Ian McGregor, Neil McGachey, Manecas.

Blacktown, Canberra Arrows and West Adelaide Hellas started the season with a lot more success than had been expected.

We remembered Blacktown's last stint in the NSL, which proved to be disastrous — so much so that the club was relegated back to the NSW State League.

Canberra lost key players Tony Brennan, Duncan Cole, Gary Byrne, George Christopoulos, Terry Byrne who is injured and, until recently, Ian Gibson who was in dispute with the club.

And West Adelaide had to do without Robbie Dunn, Graham Heys, Bill Arney and Mick Brennan, meaning it is fielding one of the youngest combinations in the league.

Yet respective coaches Casey DeBruin (Blacktown), Doug Collins (Canberra) and Sam Salabasidis have come up trumps.

To help familiarise NSL fans with the players of these three clubs, we present this pictorial profile.

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CLIFF POINTER, centre back, 31, born in England.



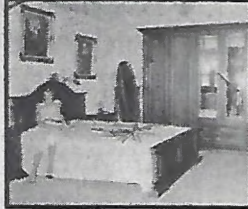
GARY BYRNE, midfielder, 29, three Australian under 23 caps and 30 full caps, joined from Canberra early this year. Previously with Marconi.



STUART SELVA, midfielder, 29, previously with Marconi, former NSW State rep at under 16 and senior levels, keen yachtsman.



PHIL O'CONNOR, striker, 29, played for Luton Town in England before joining Wollongong, and then moving on to St George, APIA and to the Wollongong NSL side. Current Australian international and prolific scorer.

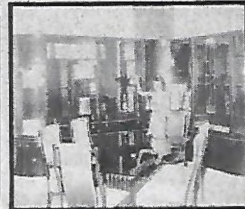


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Juventus, Apia, Fawkner, Monaro; tingono il calcio australiano di Azzurro!

A conclusione delle partite di domenica scorsa in vari campionati ed in vari Stati, squadre "italiane" si sono venute a trovare in vetta alle rispettive classifiche in numero così notevole da stabilire, secondo noi, un record difficilmente uguagliabile.

In alcuni casi si tratta di primati a pari punti; in altri casi si tratta delle prime bat-

tute del campionato ufficiale e perciò un primato che può essere molto temporaneo e molto vuoto; il fatto però rimane che alla fine del turno 7-8 aprile 1984 squadre italiane erano prime in classifica in entrambi i gironi della Lega Nazionale ed in entrambi i campionati statali del N.S.W. e del Victoria, senza contare i tanti campionati minori.

La Juventus di Melbourne guida solitaria la classifica del girone nazionale della NSL, dopo una spettacolare vittoria sul South Melbourne Hellas; l'Apia è prima a pari punti nel girone australiano della NSL dopo aver battuto il Marconi piuttosto nettamente; il Fawkner Azzurri è primo assoluto nel campionato statale del Victoria dopo l'altisonante vittoria per 5-1 sul St Albans; l'Inter Monaro è primo a pari punti nel campionato statale del N.S.W.

Se andassimo a controllare tutti gli altri campionati minori sicuramente troveremmo molte altre squadre "azzurre" nella prima poltrona; come la Triestina (Essendon City) nella terza divisione del campionato di Lega Metropolitana del Victoria.

E, anche se fra le "inori", non possiamo fare a meno di prendere atto con molta soddisfazione della "resurrezione" della squadra alabaradata che una ventina di anni fa era addirittura arrivata al massimo campionato del Victoria (quando non c'era ancora la Lega Nazionale).

Dopo un lungo capibombolo verso il basso, la Triestina ha cominciato a risalire nell'ultimo paio di stagioni e questo dovrebbe far piacere a tutti gli amanti del calcio. Con questo non vogliamo dire che la Triestina prima o poi si troverà in Lega Nazionale (anche se non è da escludere in senso assoluto), né che è da considerare una seria concorrente per il Fawkner Azzurri (almeno per i prossimi anni), ma è indubbiamente una squadra ricca di tradizioni e ricca di talento.

Anzi è bello vedere che nel mondo del nostro calcio locale vi siano squadre di media levatura dove ragazzi italiani che non sono riusciti a sfondare con le "grandi" (per un motivo o per un altro), possono giocare e continuare a migliorare. Alec Fantoma, il magnifico "portierino" che avrebbe potuto anche sfondare alla Juventus, oggi è il sicuro guardiano della rete alabaradata; Sodomaco è un altro giovane che avrebbe potuto anche affermarsi alla Juventus o al

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Frank Geremia, il giovane terzino bianconero che si sta coprendo di gloria nelle file della Juventus di Melbourne, in azione domenica scorsa contro l'Hellas. Sullo sfondo, un'insegna pubblicitaria con un nome molto caro a diverse generazioni di juventini: Borsari. Molto sono le ditte che patrocinano la Juventus quest'anno (come la "Prima Furniture" che si vede sul petto di Frank), ma la "Borsari Jewellers" è, per tanti, molto più di un semplice sponsor.

George Cross; così come anche Di Quattro, Manimina, Zavattiero ed altri. E forse qui c'è una lezione importante per il calcio italiano: se le niamo molto volentieri alle belle realtà attuali. La Juventus di Melbourne merita indubbiamente l'elogio più grande di tutte le altre squadre italiane d'Australia per questa settimana: senza alcune delle pedine più preziose del suo schieramento ideale, la squadra bianconera è andata a battere di forza il South Melbourne Hellas che schiera almeno tre quarti della nazionale australiana (presente, passata e futura)!

Descrivere l'impresa degli uomini di Margaritis nello spazio qui consentito sarebbe impossibile; ci limiteremo perciò a dire che dopo la partita i tifosi bianconeri hanno portato in trionfo il presidente Vince Verduci, l'allenatore John Margaritis e il capitano

Billy Rogers con uno slancio ed un ardore che non si vedeva da tanti anni!

Diremo anche che abbiamo visto gente di piangere, di abbracciarsi, di lasciarsi andare "grandi" continuano a produrre buoni giocatori che andrebbero benissimo per le "minori" che, a loro volta, producono "speranze" che potrebbero andar bene per le "grandi" e gli scambi avvengono con giudizio e senso delle proporzioni, allora potremmo finalmente vedere squadre "italiane" da giocatori "italiani" a tutti i livelli di questo sport.

Dopo queste divagazioni, toro a diverse dimostrazioni di coerenza, gioia, orgoglio, sollievo. Diremo che finalmente il nome "Jugentus" ed i colori "bianconeri" sono tornati ad essere a Melbourne quello che sono in tutto il mondo: sinonimo di "grande

squadra". Arriviamo anche a citare il Manzoni che, scrivendo di cose indubbiamente più importanti, diceva: "O giornate del nostro riscatto/ o dolente per sempre collu/ che da Jungi dal labro d'altra/ come un uomo straniero le udra/ / che ai suoi figli narranto un giorno/ dovrà dir: 'Io non c'ero' /.../ che la sacra vittorie bandier/ salutata quel di/ non avrà".

Speriamo che la buon'anima non si offenda per aver citato un suo poema sul Risorgimento italiano in occasione del Risorgimento della Juventus di Melbourne; ma siamo sicuri che se il "buon Alessandro" fosse ancora vivo, fosse Melbourne e fosse stato alla partita di domenica, avrebbe lui stesso scritto qualcosa del genere... e si sarebbe tolto tanto di capallo alla rete segnata da Gary Ward, al gran lavoro svolto dal piccolo Cullen, alla generosa prova di Frank Geremia, alla brillante prestazione di Dowie, Rogers, Zinni, Keogh, Hird e tutti gli altri; alla magnifica impostazione data alla squadra "d'emergenza" da John Margaritis; al "piangere in cinese" che il team manager Joe Caruso avrà dovuto fare per arrivare al risultato!

E, per concludere, un ultimo appunto: a coloro che hanno festeggiato l'incredibile vittoria e che hanno portato in trionfo dirigenti, allenatore e giocatori: non si potrà sempre indovinare tutto o avere tutta la fortuna dalla propria parte; arriveranno i giorni delle sconfitte, degli sbagli e della sfortuna; sarà allora che bisognerà ricordare il trionfo di domenica e sapersi contenere nelle dimostrazioni negative. Chi oggi è un santo non può essere un diavolo domani! E' ora che le mutevole pubblico sportivo nostrano capisca che nei momenti di trionfo, in un certo senso, gli elogi sono meno necessari di quanto siano gli incoraggiamenti e la comprensione nei momenti di disfatta! Ma, naturalmente, la critica costruttiva deve essere sempre presente e sempre apprezzata in tutte le occasioni.

E questo discorso, ovviamente, non vale soltanto per la Juventus di Melbourne, ma per tutte le squadre "italiane" d'Australia (il resto del mondo lo lasciamo agli altri).

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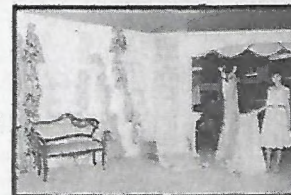
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W. Adelaide 4 wins
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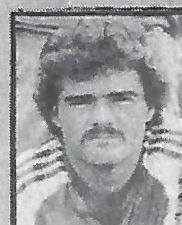
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Sydney City 7 wins
4 draws

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